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Heated exchanges in Zionist election fails to arouse interest among voters

Labour Zionists gain most votes

Less than one out of four persons eligible to vote in the Zionist election Sunday cast ballots in what Zionist officials called "a disappointing turnout."

According to results received from polling stations across Canada, the Zionist Organization of Canada, the United Mizrachi and the United Labour Zionists would each get four seats to the World Zionist Congress next year. The Revisionists and the Canadian Zionists for the Seventies would each get two of the remaining four seats.

However officials of the Federated Zionist Organizations of Canada expect to receive about 1,500 mail-in ballots which could alter the results.

Seats are allocated according to the percentage of the popular vote each list receives.

The unofficial totals available to The CJN show: Labour Zionists 1,677; Mizrachi 1,663; ZOC 1,530; Canadian Zionists for the Seventies 833; Revisionists 610 and Mapam 174.

Although disappointed in the turnout, Nathan Levitsky of Montreal, chairman of the national election committee of the FZOC, said "no group can now claim to represent the whole of Canada which was the claim before the election."

In Toronto, only 2,095 out of an eligible list of about 10,000 Zionists cast their ballots. The Mizrachi came out on top with 619 votes closely followed by the Labour Zionists with 608. The ZOC garnered 545 votes.

In the meantime in Jerusalem the Zionist Congress of Court of Honor opened hearing Nov. 15 on charges by the Zionist Organization of America and the United Zionists-Revisionists of America that mail ballots should not have been used in the elections for the American delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress, scheduled to begin here next Jan. 17.

The ZOA and the Revisionists also charge that a caucus of Zionist factions on Sept. 8 agreed in advance on the distribution of Congress mandates among themselves, excluding the plaintiffs.

The caucus members - the Labour Zionists Hadassah and Mizrachi - admitted they met, but said pre-election agreements were accepted practice and thus legitimate. The three account for 47 of the 83 delegate mandates to be selected on the basis of party strength.

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Controversial Chief Rabbi of Moscow dies at 77

NEW YORK (JTA) –

Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow - the Russian capital's only rabbi for 500,000 Jews during the past three years - died there Nov. 17 at the age of 77. He leaves his wife, three grown daughters and 15 grandchildren. Reports from Moscow gave conflicting causes of death. Some attributed it to pneumonia, others to cancer of the prostate gland. Funeral services - limited by the authorities to three hours - were held Sunday, Nov. 21 at Moscow's Central (Choral) Synagogue, where Rabbi Levin was spiritual leader.

A tall, bearded man with an imposing presence, Rabbi Levin was a controversial figure because of his defense of Soviet policy toward Jews and his anti-Zionist statements. Rabbi Levin was backed by Orthodox groups who stressed that he was under constant surveillance by Soviet agents. The Orthodox saw him as a heroic figure who had managed to maintain some semblance of Jewish life - such as synagogue activities and matzoh-baking - in his officially atheistic country. They also saw him as a tragic figure who had to say publicly what he - with his deep religious convictions - did not really believe.

Many, however, were not so charitable. On the evening of June 19, 1968 Rabbi Levin was accorded a hostile reception when in an appearance at Hunter College here, he denied the existence of Soviet anti-Semitism. In a radio interview that week, he said "all the restrictions on culture, work and similar matters were eliminated and the Jews have the same rights as other nationalities." Charfrom "bad tongues, evil tongues, those that engage in gossip," and were circulated by "false prophets" who sought "strained relations among the governments."

The question of Rabbi Levin's successor remained uncertain. There are no more than 10 practicing rabbis left in the Soviet Union,

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Members of an Israeli army girls' camp watch a fashion show of dresses sold in the canteens. (Israel Sun)

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"New assault on Jews"

GROSSINGER'S, N.Y. –

One of the key factors in present-day anti-Semitism is "insensitivity to attacks on Jews and the Jewish identity from respectable sources," according to Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Declaring that domestic social issues and the Mideast conflict have triggered "new assaults on Jews," Mr. Graubard said "the American Jewish community is becoming increasingly concerned by the lack of public outcry."

The national Jewish leader said that in addition to Arab propaganda here and abroad and American political extremists of both the left and right, "anti-Semitism is being disseminated or ignored in otherwise respectable quarters."

He gave the following examples:

- The recent use of vicious anti-Semitic slurs on Israel and Jews by Soviet delegate Yakov A. Malik at a United Nations General Assembly session.

— A federal grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a Washington, D.C. drug program run by "a man, with a long history of blatant anti-Semitic activity." The man, who calls himself Col. Hassan Jeru Ahmed, is the head of a black para-military organization.

Mr. Graubard said that despite ADL documentation of its charge against Hassan and despite protests over "the use of public money to fund a bigot," the HEW grant is currently being held up "not because of Hassan's record of bigotry, but pending federal examination of his project's financial books."

— The use of an anti-Jewish appeal in an advertisement by publisher G.P. Putnam's Sons to sell the book "Lansky." The ad contained what falsely purported to be an American newspaper headline reading "Jews Control Crime In The United States."

— Record industry "dabbling in anti-Semitism," particularly in popular recordings directed to the younger generation.

Mr. Graubard cited an album by a group called "The Last Poets" which, he said, "describes Jews in vulgar terms and prints the terms on the back of the album jacket;" a record called "S.S. Titanic" by folksinger Jamie Brockett in which "Jewish passengers are described through classical anti-Semitism," and "Jesus Christ Superstar" which "portrays the crucifixion of Jesus in a manner

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U.S. halts flow of Phantoms to Jerusalem

WASHINGTON (JCNS) –

It is no more Phantoms for Israel for the time being, the American State Department has decided, and no resumption of Phantom supplies, unless the Soviet Union cancels its policy of arms restraint which, the U.S. notes, has been in effect since May.

State department officials confirmed the negative decision following an interview in U.S. News and World Report with Mr. William Rogers, the secretary of state. He said that the military balance in the Middle East had not changed, putting on record what his subordinates have been saying in the background: The shipments of Soviet arms to Egypt have declined in a significant way.

U.S. officials do not believe that the negative decision on Phantoms will lead to Israel's rejection of the latest U.S. Suez proposals for New York talks through Joseph Sisco, the assistant secretary of state for Near East Affairs, as Israel has warned in so many words.

They base their thinking on the hope that Israel will soften up, partly because of the forthcoming UN debate on the Middle East which will demonstrate Israel's international

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Winnipeg lawyer Sol Kanee elected president of Congress

by Lewis Levendel

MONTREAL –

For the first time since its founding more than 50 years ago, the Canadian Jewish Congress has chosen a president from outside Montreal. Sol Kanee, 60, Winnipeg grain broker and lawyer, was elected president at Congress' 16th plenary assembly succeeding Monroe Abbey.

Dr. Leon Kronitz, veteran Labour Zionist leader from Montreal, was elected chairman of the national executive. (For the complete list of officers, see below.)

In a speech at the close of the triennial session, Kanee said Congress could not become involved in political issues or activities facing the community-at-large. "There are enough organizations where a Jewish person can give vent to his political feelings on every subject," he added.

"Canadian Jewish Congress acts as the interpreter of the Jewish community, addresses the problems of the Jewish community, and in fact is the Jewish community and is, as such, a recognized body."

The new president maintained that Congress would continue to be active for the rights of Canadian Jews and would continue its efforts for Soviet Jews.

Kanee re-affirmed Congress' "unshakeable solidarity" with Israel, adding that it

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Israel's 1972 cabinet will probably include three ex-army chiefs-of-staff

General David Elazar (right), chief of the Israeli general staff branch, chats with General Barlev whom he will succeed as chief of staff Jan. 1. The two men met in Tel Aviv on Gen. Elazar's return from a month-long speaking tour in the U.S. (Israel Sun)

by Nechemia Myers

Next year Israel's cabinet will almost certainly include three former chiefs-of-staff: Moshe Dayan, the current minister of defence; Itzhak Rabin, presently serving as Israeli ambassador to the U.S.; and Chaim Barlev, now the chief of staff, who is slated to step out of uniform at the end of December. Well-founded rumors indicate that Rabin will become minister of development and Barlev minister of commerce and industry, both as representatives of the dominant Labour Party.

The forthcoming "militarization of the cabinet" has not been universally acclaimed in this country, despite the personal popularity of the two men directly concerned. There are those who worry about Israel's democratic image and others, disgruntled Labour Party leaders and their friends, who are outraged at the thought that Rabin and Barlev are pushing to the head of the line, shunting aside worthy politicians who had their eyes on cabinet posts. One disgruntled Knesset member moaned: "As things stand now, the only way to reach the cabinet is via the General Staff."

Rabin has been mentioned as a candidate for the government practically from the moment he left the army after leading it to victory in the Six Day War, but the powers that be in the Labour Party - Prime Minister Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir - decided that he should first serve as ambassador to Washington. Current reports have it that Rabin will return to Israel, and the Cabinet, after the November presidential elections in the U.S.

Barlev's involvement is of much more recent origin. While he has been an intimate of Sapir for some time, only during the past few weeks has there been serious talk of his candidacy for a cabinet post. Many observers believe that Sapir wants him primarily to counter-balance Dayan, the finance minister's chief rival for the premiership when Golda Meir steps down, and to replace Dayan as defence minister should the need arise.

When Israeli generals retire they are seldom over 45, and hence soon embark upon a new career. However, seldom has it been a political one. Most of the former top brass - Moshe Dayan and Ezer Weizman being exceptions - have opted for administrative or managerial careers. A few have found their way to the universities, including Israel's second chief of staff, Prof. Yigael Yadin, who gained world renown for his excavations at Massada.

In the circumstances it is premature, at the very least, to proclaim the onset of a junta age in Israel simply because the cabinet will have three former chiefs-of-staff rather than one. Rabin, Barlev and other generals are hardly the boot-stomping, Prussian types one thinks of as professional soldiers. Moreover, the fact that every able-bodied adult is in uniform at least several weeks each year practically precludes the development of a distinct, jingoistic military caste. Where jingoism exists here, it is not found among the officers or ex-officers, but rather among aging ideologists who "campaign" in Tel Aviv cafes.

Now that Rabin and Barlev have been "signed up" by the Labour Party, the other parties will also be busy recruiting their own vote-catching generals in preparation for the November, 1973, Knesset elections. One can only hope that there will be enough to go around.

Organizations and People

what's new...

by Miriam Herman

INSTITUTE OPENS

An educational institute for high school graduates opened in Eilat, Israel, in mid-November, with the assistance of the Hebrew University's adult education center. The institute is designed to help meet the educational and cultural needs of the residents of Eilat and its environs, who are far removed from the country's centers of higher education Courses of study, to be given in the afternoons and evenings by Hebrew University teachers, include psychology, public administration and two programs in English. Forums for discussion of topics in the fields of science, culture and Israeli society will be held periodically. Artistic events are also planned. It is hoped that the institue, run by the municipality of Eilat, will eventually develop into a regional college.

THE TEA

Crusade Against Leukemia is presenting **The Tea** - including a fashion show, art exhibit, jewelery display - on Sunday, December 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Julie's Mansion, 515 Jarvis St. Fashions will be presented continuously throughout the afternoon. The art exhibit will include copper and metal figurines, weaving, ink sketches and lithographs by top Canadian artists. All proceeds of the afternoon are in aid of leukemia research. Invitations will be available at the door and you may be one of the lucky winners of one of the more than 50 door prizes.

By the way, Crusade Against Leukemia is one of the largest individual donors of funds for leukemia research in Toronto hospitals and last year initiated a fellowship in leukemia research through the University of Toronto.

BETH AM MUSICAL

The Beth Am Players are excited about their new musical . . . poor old world, We Love You Anyway! . . . the story of a man's dream to save mixed-up North American kids by taking a group to Israel to begin a new way of life as a communal family on an abandoned kibbutz in the hills of Judah. The premiere performance will be on Saturday, December 11 at the Beth Am synagogue, 3100 Keele St. - curtain time 8:30 p.m. Succeeding performances will be held on Sunday, December 12; in January on the 8th, 9th, 22nd, and 23rd; and in February on the 19th and 20th.

JEWISH ARTS COMPETITION

The first international Jewish Arts Competition is to be held in Haifa, Israel, next summer. The event is sponsored by the World Union of Jewish Students and the city rules may be obtained from the WUJS office, 247 Grays Inn Road, London, WC.1, England. Applications must be received at that address by January 15.

AUCTION SALE

Are you in the market for a new oriental rug? There will be a large selection of rugs and many other items - from television sets to packaged Kosher foods - at the auction sale sponsored by the Mothers' Association of Eitz Chaim Schools. The sale will take place on Sunday, November 28 at 475 Patricia Ave., Willowdale. There will be a viewing from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the sale will begin at 6:00 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM AT LIBRARY

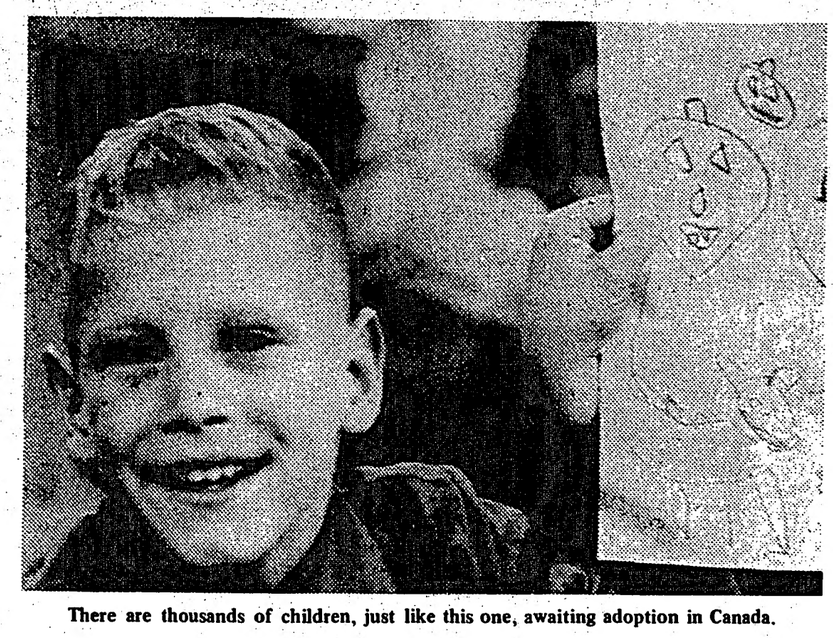
Religion and Medinath Yisrael: Challenge or Crisis is the topic of the symposium sponsored by the Jewish Public Library on Tuesday, December 7 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The panelists for the evening will be Rabbis M. Berglass, Shaarei Tefillah, M. Halpern, Montreal; B. Hollander, Beth Tzedec. The moderator will be Rabbi Emanuel Forman, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

CHASSIDIC HAPPENING

Hillel House is planning a special Sabbath weekend for November 26 - 27 - an encounter with Chabad, a mystical Chassidic happening lasting 25 hours. Students will be sharing an experience in the Chassidic way of life with Chassidic rabbis of the Lubovitcher movement of New York as well as Toronto. There will be sabbath services, workshops, song and dance. Those students who are unable to stay for the entire program are invited to drop in for any part of it. As a footnote - Hillel offers sabbath dinners and services every Friday evening.

Jewish Family Service reports fewer babies available for adoption in future

by Jerome D. Diamond



There are thousands of children, just like this one, awaiting adoption in Canada.

The harsh reality for the Jewish childless couple in Ontario is that fewer babies will be available for adoption in the future than during the past seven years.

The adoption department of the Jewish Family and Child Service of Metropolitan Toronto, one of the family of United Jewish Welfare Fund agencies, has had to face up to these stern facts. A far-smaller number of pregnant, unwed women are carrying through to term. With abortions available, right here in Toronto, or upon request by the mother, in New York State, or London, England, the number of such births is declining.

The Pill, new morality and Women's Lib play their part. And then, more unwed mothers are keeping their babies and raising them against tough odds, but not quite as fough as 10 years ago. Altogether, fewer infants are available for adoption.

The whole adoption service is receiving much attention from the child care experts across North America. Magazine articles describe the harsh reality by which North American social agencies placed their emphasis on the adoption of healthy, thriving, Caucasian infants, while, like the jets stacked over airports, non-white children, children with handicaps, legal impediments, or religious bars are waiting for placement.

There are in Canada alone, thousands of adoptable children. They are for the most part over the age of two years, under 14 years, of every color, religion, and background. Most, however, are considered "hard to place."

The adoption department of the Toronto Jewish agency maintained a principled position on "hard to place" infants and older children. Because religious factors, for many years, prevented the placement of children of other religious faiths in Jewish homes in Ontario, the adoption department was limited to the placement of "hard to place" children only. The average number of adoptive placements of infants in those years was three or four at most per year.

A successful campaign was organized to arrange for the placement of non-Jewish, Caucasion infants with Jewish families. With the help of Miss Betty Graham, director of the Child Welfare Branch, Social and Family Services, and the co-operation of the Board of the Childrens Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, speedy action followed a favorable court decision some seven years ago, permitting cross-religious adoption placements. From then on, the Toronto Jewish agency has been placing an average of 30 or more infants each year in addition to the placement of older, "hard to place" children. But this year has seen a serious decline in the number of children available for adoption.

Another phenomenon familiar to every adoption agency is the couple who, childless for years until involved in the adoption process, conceive a child of their own. Social workers in the adoption services are well aware of the psychological nature of certain kinds of infertility. The Toronto agency has been talking for a long time about working more effectively as a fertility clinic team with the Jewish hospital. This suggestion deserves increased emphasis now that the number of infants for adoption has declined.

Now that adoptions across religious lines are permitted by the government, new problems have arisen regarding conversion. In the case of infants, the problem has not been severe. Conversions have been arranged, in co-operation with the rabbinate, that will receive full recognition in Israel should the family choose to emigrate.

The matter is more complex with older children, even those as young as three years of age, and requires the full consideration of social workers, psychiatric consultants, doctors and rabbis to determine when, and under what circumstances, conversion is appropriate.

Those new directions in child adoption impose new demands on staff skills. Enlightened thinking, coupled with grim necessity, have altered the philosphy of this placement agency. It no longer can accept that being a childless couple represents a tragedy. Many couples today are childless by plan and preference. Nor is adoption seen as a panacea for the adoption applicant, if psychological treatment coupled with medical care can assist some of these couples to conceive a child of their own.

For those who are not able to conceive, but are capable of understanding and caring for children with special needs, the Toronto Jewish agency plans to enter into a new and different kind of partnership with adopting couples; to share some of these risks on a communal level. The goal of the department is to achieve placements regardless of color, age, handicap, religion, or outmoded legal technicality that will make family living available to this large number of "hard to place children." For the family adopting the "hard to place" child, the agency plans to bring its family counseling know-how and its family life education program closer. The emphasis can be, not on the investigate function of the six months adoption probation period, but on the "familying" processes of the post-adoption period to enable the "hard to place" child to become a legitimate member of the human family.

Jerome D. Diamond is the director of the Jewish Family and Child Service of Metropolitan Toronto.

There will be 1,500 persons attending the John Bassett Negev Dinner at the Royal York Dec. 1, Murrary Koffler, dinner chairman, has announced. This looks like it's going to be the most successful Negev dinner yet, said Mr. Koffler. Proceeds from the dinner will be devoted to the establishment of the John Bassett Cultural and Sports Complex in the Arava Desert in Israel.

Toronto leader Latner addresses Israel Bond campaign meeting in London, Ontario

LONDON, ONTARIO -

"Countries must operate like businesses," said Al Latner, general chairman for the Toronto Israel Bond Campaign. Mr. Latner was addressing an Israel Bond Campaign group in the home of Tom Wolf, co-chairman of the London Israel Bond Campaign.

"No country," he continued, "can develop without long-term loans and interim financing. The situation can be compared to a business."

Mr. Latner explained that Israel uses bond funds for housing new immigrants, particularly newcomers from the Soviet Union. He stressed that giving to the UJA was insufficient. "The two are separate ideas entirely," he said. "One is philanthropy and one is lending. And while the interest paid on Israel Bonds is low, converting bonds into preferred shares of the Israel Development Corporation brings the net return very close to conventional investment rates."

"People must be taught the underlying philosophy behind buying bonds," Mr. Latner told the CJN in an interview. "And it is only through educating community leaders and potential bond organizers and canvassers that this message will reach everybody."

Although there was no solicitation for bonds at the meeting, Mr. Wolf felt that the meeting "will have a very positive effect on the (London) campaign."

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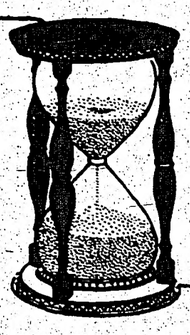

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Phyllis Gordon

Torontonian **Phyllis Gordon** has been named chairman of the recently established college senate at Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University's undergraduate school of liberal arts and sciences for women. Phyllis, the 21 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gordon, is an English major and a regular member of the dean's list and has headed the school's speech arts forum and the speaker's bureau.

Dr. Louis Finklestein (left), Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg

Toronto's Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue has recently been awarded an honorary doctorate in divinity by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York.

In conferring the degree, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the seminary, said "Through the work which you and your colleagues have done, the future of American Judaism has become far more secure than seemed possible at the beginning of this century."

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Artist **Aba Bayefsky's** most recent portfolio **Forces of Earth and Sky**, was in the international limelight again. During his visit to Canada, Yugoslav President Tito was honored by the Slovenian community of Toronto with the presentation of Mr. Bayefsky's portfolio of prints - a series of 12 motifs derived from Indian mythology. The presentation was made at the 1,000 guest diplomatic reception in Ottawa. A copy of the same set of prints is now hanging in the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

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The Sat., Nov. 20th wedding of **Harriet Bernstein** and **Steven Shuster** united two of Toronto's well-known theater families. Harriet, a writer for a Canadian film magazine, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bernstein - Mrs. Bernstein is known in musical circles as opera star **Mary Simmons**. Steven a television script writer, is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shuster** of the Wayne and Shuster comedy team.

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And from across the sea - **Henry Grunbaum** has been appointed minister of finance of Denmark, a post he held before from 1965-1968. He served as minister for economic affairs prior to that time. Incidentally, the wife of Denmark's Premier Jens Otto Drag is Jewish actress Helle Virkner who is active in the Jewish community of Copenhagen.

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As a point of interest - At an international Congress of Music in Moscow famous violinist **Yehudi Menuhin** made an open plea to the Soviets to permit people to emigrate if they wish to do so. He identified with the plight of Soviet Jewry by referring to himself as a Russian Jew although he is a native American (his parents are Russian born).

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Kadima Centre of Beth Emeth for retarded to open Dec.5

by CJN staff reporter

On Sunday, Dec. 5 at 11:00 a.m. the official opening and dedication of the Kadima Centre of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will take place. However it has been in operation since the end of September.

Kadima Centre is a non-sectarian social and recreational facility for retarded young adults and persons with other learning disabilities. It is another step in the field of special education spearheaded by Rabbi Joseph Kelman who founded the Ezra and Kadima Schools for mentally retarded children.

The concept of the centre is a natural extension of the school's programs. Students who have been attending the Kadima School for 10 years, are now in their mid twenties.

Also there are many young adults, Jewish as well as Christian who, because of their handicap, are limited in the type of recreational and social programs in which they are able to participate. With this in view, Rabbi Kelman met with some partents to discuss the feasability of such a program. After a positive and enthusiastic response, the synagogue's welfare committee and the Royal Arch Masons, Mount Sinai Chapter, who had helped Ezra and Kadima Schools in the past, offered their assistance.

What followed became a fascinating lesson in ecumenical and communal relations. There was a large room available in the synagogue but it had no facilities and did not even have a proper ceiling. Charles Emmett, a Christian, personally donated the entire material for over 3,000 square feet of ceiling. Masons and synagogue members worked together and soon the room was painted, the furniture bought, equipment installed and then the program began.

room, is equipped as a social recreational hall. Situated in the basement of the synagogue, it sports a full-size pool table, two ping pong tables, a juke box, a shuffleboard unit, a dart board, a television lounge, a host of games as well as cafe tables and chairs, lounges chesterfields, etc.

Activities are planned according to the interests of those attending. Staffed by volunteers under the directorship of Al Perofsky, a high-school guidance teacher, the attendance has grown in a few short weeks from an initial 19 to 39 at present. Members of Palestine Masonic Lodge provide transportation when necessary and the synagogue's Sisterfreshments. Many other volunteers come out each week or provide gifts and favors.

The centre is presently open Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Swinging Sabbath service

by Lewis Levendel

"I didn't know what a particular 'worshipful' dimension this music would have," Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut told about 900 persons attending the Canadian premier of a jazz service at the Holy Blossom last Friday night.

"There is a very special kinship between these sounds and the inner forces of our religion," he added.

Then the rabbi moved back on the Bimah from his pulpit and appeared to enjoy the melody and rhythm of the Lou Snider Quintet. Cantor Sheldon Merel and the choir led by Douglas Bodle as they raced through an up tempo **Adon Olam**. Towards the end of the number, a number of persons, caught up in the atmosphere, began clapping in unison.

Cantor Merel, who wants "to bring new life to liturgy" and new sounds to the synagogue, produced the unique service written by Philadelphia Cantor Charles Davidson. The composer was obviously influenced by the music of Gershwin, Bernstein and Brubeck in creating **And David Danced Before The Lord.**

With the choir and cantor on the Bimah and the Snider quintet below, the service took off on a swinging **L'cha Dodi.** One of the highlights was a gently-swinging 'bluesy' **Half Kaddish** featuring the softly-caressing vibes of Ralph Fraser and the fluid flute of Bernie Piltch ably supported by the rhythm section of pianist Snider, bassist Murray Lauder and drummer Mickey Shannon.

Opinion was mixed on the service as a valid form of religious expression. Some congregants were moved, others felt such experimentation necessary and still others claimed, "I couldn't stand it."

The Holy Blossom will have another musical sabbath in January when it holds a folkrock service.

Yiddish poet Joseph Kerler to speak at Beth Tzedec

One of the highlights of this year's observance of Jewish Book Month is the visit to Toronto of Joseph Kerler, eminent Yiddish poet from the Soviet Union.

Joseph Kerler is a product of the Russian revolution. He was born six months after the October revolution and his childhood years were spent on a Jewish collective farm in the Crimea. He had no direct association with the traditional pattern of the Jewish lifestyle of Czarist Russia. Yet he has become the symbol of the struggle of Soviet Jews, for their national rights, their liberation and their desire to identify with their people.

When he was 17 years old he published his first poems in the **Odessa Arbiter** (Yiddish periodicals were then common in the U.S.S.R.) He was at that time a student at the Jewish Technical Institute in Odessa.

After serving in the Second World War he returned to Moscow and participated in the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee. His poems were being published in Eynikait. He spent a year in Birobidjan where he published further material. At the time of the mass arrests of Jewish writers he was imprisoned and for six years, from 1950 to the end of 1955, he was in a forced labor camp in the far north where he worked as a miner and boiler worker, writing poems in secret.

It was in 1965 that he made his first application for emigration to Israel and it was also the year that his name stopped appearing in publications. The authorities apparently felt that his work was too Jewish in spirit and outlook to appear in any state-controlled periodical. After five years, his exit permit was granted and he is now a resident of Israel.

He is at present on a tour of North America. In Toronto his appearance at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Tuesday evening, Nov. 30, is being sponsored by a wide number of Jewish organizations including the Farband Labor Zionist Order, the Workman's Circle and the Canadian Jewish Congress. He will read his poems and give an eyewitness report on the struggle of Soviet Jewry.

ISRAEL BOND NEWSMAKERS

MIZRACHI WOMEN SALUTE VETERAN LEADER THELMA CITRON

It was "Thelma Citron Bond Night" for members of Mizrachi Women on Sunday, Nov. 14th, as they gathered to applaud the presentation of the impressive "Jerusalem Award" to Mrs. Max (Thelma) Citron, for her consistent, dedicated service to the Israel Bond effort from its first beginning in this community.

Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. Samuel Kaminker, who delivered the Tribute Commentary; Max Citron, Trustee; Mrs. Citron, Award Recipient and Trustee; Harry Frank, National Vice-President, State of Israel Bonds; Mrs. Max Weisbrod, Council President and Mrs. Jack Ross, Reception Chairman.

ELOQUENT SPEAKERS HERE FOR CONGREGATION BOND DINNERS

Renowned Christian leader and strong advocate of Israel's independence and economic strengthening, Dr. Carl Voss will be the guest speaker at the December 4th Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Dinner. Dr. Voss is a noted editor, author and television panelist. Gerald Shefsky will be the recipient at the dinner of the "Shalom Award", for his Israel Bond leadership achievements.

Dr. Carl Voss

Famed leader of the militant Irgun and founder and head of Herut, Israel's second largest political party, Menachem Begin is one of Israel's legendary leaders, and one of the world's great orators. He will be the principal speaker for the November 29th Shaarei Shomayim Congregation dinner honoring Jack Kosoy, Bond Award Recipient.

Menachem Begin

LANDSMANSHAFTEN "SAY IT WITH BONDS"

Two of the most active and productive groups for Israel Bonds among Toronto Landsmanshaften are the Zaglembier Society, and the Keltzer Society. Record results were reached by both groups at separate events held this week in advance of their major functions scheduled for later this month.

Zaglembier Society Award Recipient Charles Goldfinger was host at his home for a Bond Luncheon on Sunday, November 14th. Shown here, left to right, are: Morris Slivka, Israel Bond Chairman; Mrs. Slivka, Mrs. Goldfinger, Charles Goldfinger and Harry Frank.

Keltzer Society Award Recipient David Wiener was host at his home for a Bond Reception on November 17th. Shown here, left to right, are: Sam Lichter, William Winer, Sam Rotman, Trustee; Harry Frank, Trustee; Ben Lerer, President; Sam Kohn, Bond Chairman, Harry Silversten, Vice-President, and Award Recipient David Wiener.

ISRAEL BOND CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28 - BETH SHOLOM DINNER: Fred Grossman, Award Recipient. KELTZER SOCIETY DINNER: David Wiener, Award Recipient.

Monday, November 29 - SHAARIE SHOMAYIM DINNER: Jack Kosoy, Award Recipient.

Saturday, December 4 - BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA DINNER: Gerald Shefsky, Award Recipient. ZAGLEMBIER SOCIETY RECEPTION: Charles Goldfinger, Award Recipient.

Conference of 300 teachers discusses integration of Jewish, and general studies

MONTREAL –

Some 300 teachers of Jewish schools in Montreal attended the annual teachers' Conference November 10 and 11, under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress Eastern region. All Jewish schools were closed for the day in order to enable teachers to attend.

The theme of the Conference was better integration of Jewish and general studies in Jewish schools. Guest speakers were Dr. Judah J. Shapiro of New York who dealt with the subject of language and history and Dr. Moses Tandler of Yeshiva university who examined the integration of studies in the field of Bible and moral values.

Israel in the curriculum of Jewish schools was the theme of an address by Mr. David Ephrati, Israeli Consul General in Montreal. Teachers attended workshops dealing with integration - classroom experiences according to grades.

Dr. Melvin Schwartzben, opened the conference on behalf of the Education Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, rabbi Joseph Deitcher, Mrs. Monette Ulin, chairman of the Federation of Teachers of Jewish schools, Dr. Leon Kronitz, principal of Talmud Torah, Mrs. D. Feinstone and the Executive Director of the Eastern Region, participated in the discussions. An in-service training program fo teachers of general subjects in the Jewish day schools was announced and a course on teaching history will be inaugurated within a week. It will comprise 20 sessions each of 90 minutes duration. The course will be given by Prof. Jonathan Siegel of Sir George Williams university in Montreal. Another course to be inaugurated at a later date will be centered on the teaching of Jewish Holy Days.

In a separate meeting between the Association of Jewish Day schools of Greater Montreal and officers of the CJC, plans were worked out for the reconstruction of the United Jewish Teachers seminary and the establishment of a Board by the Association of Jewish Daily schools in conjunction with the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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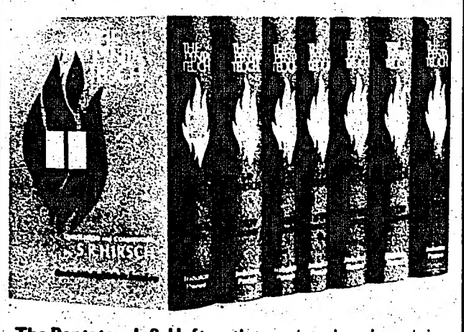

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HEBREW CALENDAR

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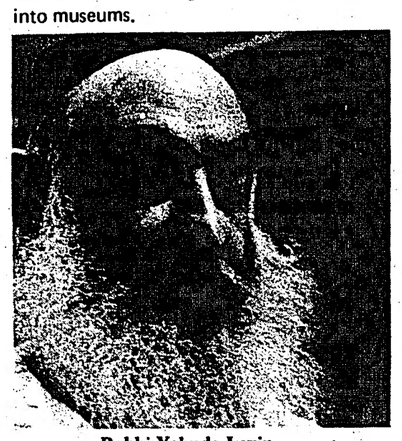
Moscow chief rabbi

Yehuda Levin: Hero or traitor

It is hard to evaluate the life and career of Yehuda Leib Levin, chief rabbi of the Moscow Synagogue who died last week.

On the surface, Levin was an apologist for the Soviet regime who denied that there was anti-Semitism in the USSR. When interviewed in Moscow, or during his visit three years ago to the United States, Levin insisted that Jews in the Soviet Union had abandoned the synagogue in the face of a general attack on religion by the regime. In the same way, members of the Christian sects had also abandoned their religion, turning cathedrals into museums.



Rabbi Yehuda Levin

Yet, somehow, Levin when he spoke publicly, no matter how closely he echoed the party line, failed to sound convincing and did not appear to be acting out his role with much enthusiasm. In private, on the few occasions when he seems to have trusted his visitor or felt safe from observation, Levin was frank about the failure of the government to provide prayer books, prayer shawls, matzos and the other materials needed for religious observance. He was equally pessimistic about the possibility of Jewish survival without Yeshivot and other educational institutions.

Levin was, in these private conversations, particularly scathing on the subject of those American rabbis who played little conspiratorial games in his Moscow synagogue, sometimes endangering the lives of the handful of of elderly Jews who continued to attend. Levin felt that they were disregarding the safety of those who were not free to leave in order to embellish their role in the eyes of their congregants in the United States.

Levin may have felt that by remaining at his post and cooperating with the government that he was helping to preserve the last spark of Judaism in the Soviet Union, and easing the burden of his fellow Jews.

There are those who claim that no religious leader who "plays the game" with a Communist regime is deserving of the title "rabbi". These people see Levin as a traitor to his people, who in playing it safe and mouthing the Russian line, endangered those who sought to continue as Jews and those who risked their lives in demanding the right to leave. This may prove to be a harsh judgment. No man may, from a safe sanctuary, urge the martyrdom of another.

It is difficult to see Levin clearly, to distinguish between his public posture and his private feelings. What is clear, however, is that as Chief Rabbi of Moscow, he was able to do little to preserve Judaism or to protect the lives of Jews in Russia. The concessions the government made in response to his "good behaviour" were so minimal and so trifling that they can hardly be counted as achievements.

Perhaps it is too early to judge, but for the present Yehuda Leib Levin's life seems to have been more pathetic than evil, more futile than useful.

Support needed

Jews and university education

The Jewish community should be deeply concerned with what is happening at our Canadian universities. In our preoccupation with Jewish education and Jewish studies programs, we should not lose sight of the university's overall contribution to Jewish life.

Once removed from the Eastern European pale, Jews translated their love for religious learning into a drive to achieve secular education. As a result, the Jewish community transformed itself from an impoverished, illiterate, unskilled, insignificant group at the bottom of the class ladder into a highly educated, upper, middle-class group in a matter of two or three generations.

The preservation of a competent, high quality educational system, open to all, is therefore of paramount importance to the Jewish community, if it is to hold onto the gains it has made.

Since education is always a very expensive process, consuming more and more of our non-military tax dollar, it is always vulnerable to attack by those looking for facile ways to save money.

The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) has been a frequent target. It has been accused of hiring too many Americans and of engaging in research on topics remote from the immediate classroom situation. The criticism is not deserved. Unfortunately, in the past, Canadian schools of education have been so "practical" that they engaged in virtually no research whatsoever. If Canadian research is still pre-occupied with U.S. issues it is because there have been so few Canadian researchers gnawing away at Canadian issues.

Facing similar attacks, the University of Toronto has recently published a 240 page brief for presentation to the provincial Committee on University Affairs. The brief pleads for an end to the budget cuts which have reduced graduate fellowship funds by $1,500,000.

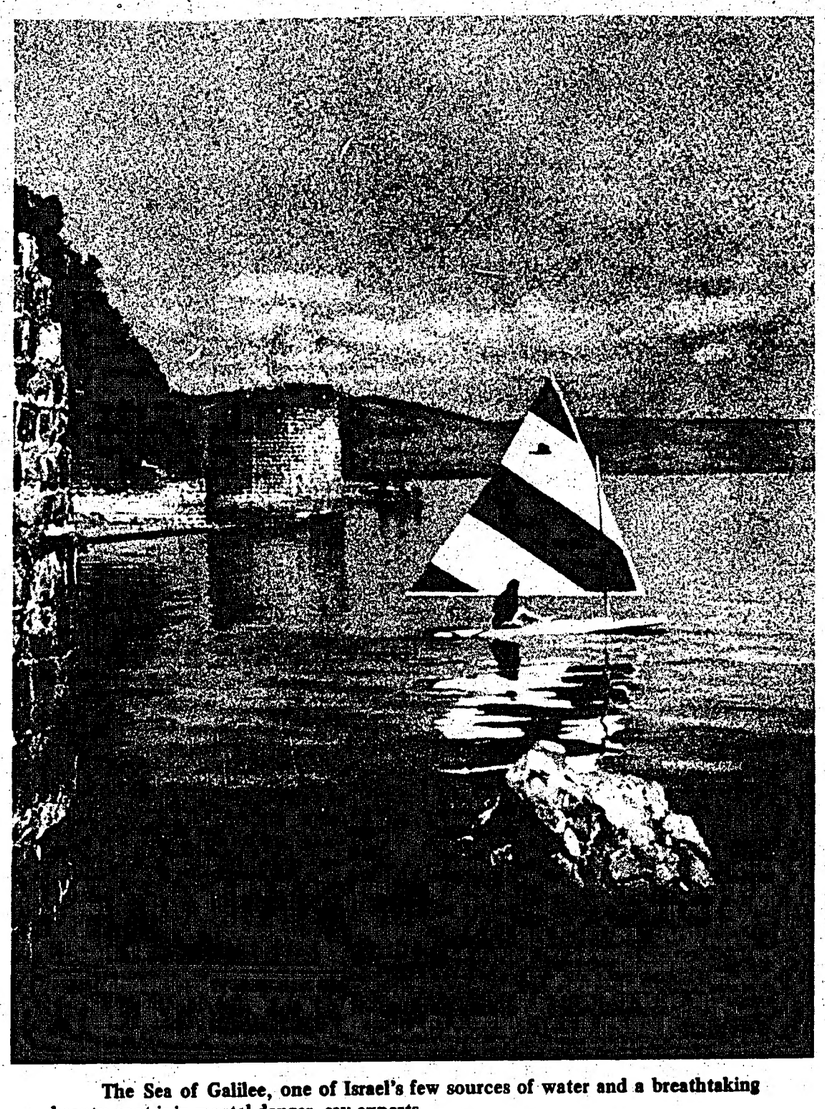
How, the university asks, can it train Canadian professors, if the government will not support graduate education? The brief points out that Americans are being hired, not in preference to Canadians, but because properly qualified Canadians are in poor supply, and Canadian graduate education is inferior to that in the U.S.

The brief also argues that "any further enlarging of class size will mean a watering down of standards and a further alienation of students."

Scarborough College, which originally had hoped to complement faculty with electronic gadgetry, reports in its brief to the government that tools such as closed circuit television, teaching machines, and language labs generally increase costs rather than reduce them. Scarborough now states that the main hope for cutting costs lies in more individual study, supervised by a larger faculty.

Originally, Jews were among the powerless immigrant hordes that came to America. They had little to say about how our schools and universities were administered. Jews felt lucky enough just being admitted. Now, it has become part of our obligation as citizens of Canada to care deeply about the quality of education the province provides.

With approximately 70 to 80 percent of Jewish high school graduates going on to university, it can truly be said that the Jewish community has a high investment in education for its children. Rather than joining in some of the mindless attacks on our universities, we have an obligation, as a community, to support quality education to the fullest extent possible.



The Sea of Galilee, one of Israel's few sources of water and a breathtaking beauty spot is in mortal danger, say experts.

The Kinneret may perish

by Nechemia Myers

Israel's only major fresh-water lake, the Kinneret (or Sea of Galilee), is in mortal danger. Experts warn that unless urgent corrective measures are taken, the Kinneret will perish as Lake Erie has perished.

By far the most alarming assessment was made some weeks ago by South African limnologist Robert Davies, who gave the Kinneret five years to live. Israeli scientists put off its demise for a considerably longer period, but all are concerned at the growing pollution of the lake and of the Jordan River above and below it.

The story is all too familiar: sewage (much of it untreated), agricultural chemicals and industrial wastes are flowing freely into the Kinneret. But there is also another source of pollution, one which adds a particularly ironic twist to the tale. It appears that 40% of the contamination is caused by nitrates from peat in what was once the Hula Swamp.

The draining of the Swamp, 15 miles to the north of Lake Kinneret, was one of Zionism's proudest achievements. Drainage work, completed in 1957 after years of enormous effort and the expenditure of millions, eradicated the scourge of malaria from the Galilee and provided the region's farmers with thousands of fruitful acres for cultivation. Unfortunately, the scheme had an additional unforeseen consequence. As has now become evident, it also permitted Hula nitrates to flow southwards into the Kinneret. The situation created is so serious that some experts have even suggested the reflooding of the Hula.

The first problem to be solved, however, is not an ecological but an organizational one. At present, no less than 21 different bodies are concerned with the Kinneret. These must be replaced, or at least coordinated, by a single Kinneret Authority which can both analyze the situation and ensure that corrective action is taken, even in defiance of powerful pressure groups.

As might be expected, Galilee farmers are raising their voices against suggestions that certain areas be taken out of cultivation and that various chemicals and pesticides be banned. The city fathers of Tiberias, a popular resort town on the southwest corner of the lake, are likewise fuming at the very thought that "development" be halted, or at least more carefully controlled. Tiberias Mayor Moshe Zahar, for example, claims the issue is an artificial one, the result of "ecological hysteria."

Mayor Zahar and the Galilee farmers notwithstanding, concerted government action seems inevitable, for Israel cannot allow the blue Kinneret - one of her few sources of water and most breathtaking beauty spots - to become a gigantic pool of grey sludge.

ask the rabbi

Naming children after living people

1. What is the origin of saying "God Forbid" when speaking about tragedies?

RESPONSE:

Generally speaking, this is a demonstration of the power that seems to lie in speech. In the Bible we find a statement to the effect that "Life and Death are in the hands of the tongue." Human speech, therefore, has the potential of effecting good, as well as producing evil. Added to this consideration is a power sometimes attributed to the angels - both those who have a mission to do good and those who have a mission to do evil. According to some mystic sources, human expressions can sometimes be distorted by the angels. Undoubtedly, every keen observer is aware of the hostility and suspicion that can sometimes be inadvertently aroused by human expressions. For this reason, the rabbis introduced certain additional expressions which would guard against any misunderstandings. Besides this, the individual uttering these expressions would make it clear that he means only the best of intentions towards those who are listening or involved with him. Therefore, we find expressions like "may it not come to pass" (Taanit 3:8), "let it not come to you" (Lamentation 1:12) "have pity and let there be peace," and "God forbid" (Berakoth 28A and 63B). There is also another expression which says "may God spare us" (Shabbat 84B). Involved also here is the belief that the Almighty has the powers to spare us from harm, as well as the power to inflict what we consider to be harm upon us.

2. Why is it that Jews refrain from naming children after living people?

RESPONSE:

A number of reasons are offered for this hesitation. Some reasons refer to the protection and safety of the child. The Sefer Chassidim quotes a story in which a youngster died because the Angel of Death came to take the soul of the one after whom he was named, and took the child instead. Another consideration was that every person is identified by his name. Therefore, two living people should not share the same name. A practical reason that is sometimes offered is that when two people are named identically within close family range, confusion can result when one can summon one of them and the other will respond because he has the same name. Furthermore, the tradition bears out the ideal that every human being should have a definite identity all his own, since each of us, no matter how great or small, has a contribution to make to this world. One last consideration is the fact that not naming anyone after a living person, leads to the practice of naming people after deceased relatives, thus perpetuating and immortalizing the soul of the deceased.

letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

It is with great regret that we write this letter. However, you have left us no other course of action. We had looked forward to having you conduct an interview with us so that you would have an informative article for your newspaper and we would be able to express some of our ideas to the general public. The end result was far below any journalistic standard with which we would want to be affiliated.

Your article as it appeared in The Canadian Jewish News is nothing more than a collection of misleading statements, inaccurate quotations and, in our judgment, poor journalism.

To simplify our critique of this article we would like to discuss its errors in the order that they appear.

Firstly, the implication of the title is completely wrong. The Student Council for Soviet Jews has received support from many organizations and individuals in the community most specifically synagogues and rabbis. Our basic condemnation, as was stated later in the article, lay in the often sporadic efforts of the Canadian Jewish Congress, self-defined as the political arm of the Jewish community.

Secondly, Michael Gruda is not a student at York University, but rather a graduate student at the University of Toronto.

Thirdly, there is a need for clarification in terms of the beginnings of the Student Council for Soviet Jews. There are many students, mostly members of the Progressive Students for Israel who were doing much work on the plight of Soviet Jews. However their time was necessarily limited because of other responsibilities. And although Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Clarfield did assume the bulk of the responsibility, the previous and continuing efforts of the forementioned students should not be forgotten.

Furthermore, after the teach-in in February, while Mr. Pearl did become involved as a major force in the movement, there were no less than 80 other students who offered at least some of their time and manpower.

Fourthly, and we don't want to seem that we are "nitpicking", but Mr. Gruda's name was spelled wrong even though it was correct in its first mention. This kind of mistake seems to reflect the general technique found throughout the article, both in its philosophical and grammatical dimensions.

Fifthly, your reports of our description of the vigil were inaccurate and need some clarification. It was the specific responsibility of the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress to make food provisions for the vigil and we expect that this was the understanding of the general adult community. However, their (the adult community's) response upon finding out that these provisions were not made, was to bring out in copious amounts food and hot drinks on the second night of the vigil.

Sixthly, we must comment on a statement made by Mr. Sadowski which you stated as having been made confidentially. If the comment in fact was confidential, why was it reported at all. Fortunately, however, that was not confidential material but nevertheless your choice of words was rather confusing and misleading.

The seventh point of contention deals with Mr. Pearl's comments describing the press coverage. The discussion during the interview dealt with possible anti-Semitic overtones by the press. The concern on our part was not so much that there was a mistake made by the press, but rather that all the press in their primary reports, described the demonstration at the southeast corner of Don Mills and Eglinton as part of the violent activities that occurred in front of the Science Centre.

The eighth point of discrepancy revolves around the figure of 6,000, the estimated number of people at the demonstration. This was the number estimated by The Canadian Jewish News. Although we agreed that the figure of 20,000 stated by Mr. Sydney Harris, chairman of Central Region of Canadian Jewish Congress was much too high, we stated that our own estimation was between 10,000 and 12,000. You, sir, stated that you considered yourself well able to estimate the size of a large crowd which may well be the case, but certainly you haven't the right to impose your estimate on Mr. Pearl's statement. Judging by the inaccuracy of most of this article, we are wondering just how credible your estimating abilities really are!

The ninth and final area of our concern involves your description of Mr. Sadowski's coat as a "U.S. army fatigue jacket." To refresh your memory, Mr. Sadowski's coat was a top coat of blue wool with no insignia of any kind but only a Soviet Jewry protest button. We would like to think that this mistake was simply one of poor eyesight. However, it seems that it was an obvious attempt to equate the sartorial style of Mr. Sadowski, and perhaps Mr. Pearl and Mr. Gruda as well, to that which one may characteristically associate with young political activists. This may or may not be the case, but this sophomoric attempt at trying to portray an image, which has its doubtful existence is not only misleading but also it is particularly irrelevant and fallacious reporting.

There are other errors in the article which we will mention just briefly. Mr. Gruda's comments on the travel agency boycott were reported completely out of sequence. Regarding remarks concerning the Canadian Jewish Congress made by Mr. Sadowski and Mr. Gruda, Mr. Gruda's comments were credited to Mr. Sadowski and vice versa.

This article has caused the Student Council for Soviet Jews much harm. Numerous people in the community have probably lost much faith in our intentions and credibility. We can only try to alleviate this problem by writing this letter and expect that further you will publish it in its entirety in your newspaper.

Michael Gruda
Jerry Pearl
David Sadowski
Co-Chairmen, Student Council for Soviet Jews

Opinion

U.S. committee exposes Jews' conditions in Syria

by W. Gunther Plaut

For some time now a group of Jews and non-Jews in the United States have banded together in what they call a Committee of Concern. These people make it their business to expose the condition of Jews in Arab lands and bring it to the attention of the general public. We are properly worried over the Jews in Soviet Russia, but that abiding and continuing interest must not cause us to overlook those few of our brothers who are still left in some Arab states and who suffer both physical and spiritual depravation.

The news from Syria is particularly distressing. Here are some instances of current persecutions as they have been reported to us:

Twelve young Syrian Jews in their late teens or early twenties are being held in jail charged with having attempted to flee the country.

The relatives of 12 Jews who recently succeeded in fleeing the land have not only been interrogated but during questioning have been tortured, so that all of them are physically ill or bodily maimed or mentally deranged. Jews, who succeeded in escaping from Syria into the free world, have reported that those still in Syrian jails are being subjected to various tortures and that recently Jewish homes were set on fire in the Damascus ghetto.

Jews are generally subject to restrictions reminiscent of Nazi days in Europe, with one exception. The Nazis at first encouraged Jewish emigration, the Syrians ban it completely. Jews are also forbidden to leave the country for visits to relatives or for medical treatment. This contrasts with the free permit given to other Syrians to visit neighboring countries. For instance, more than 500,000 Syrians have visited Lebanon so far this year alone.

Within Syria a Jew may travel only two miles from his home. If he wants to go farther he requires a special permit.

Special Jewish identity cards are marked "Member of the Mosaic Faith."

Jews may not be employed in government offices, public offices or banks; they will not be given new permits for driving or the installation of telephones.

Jews cannot sell their houses or other real estate, and army personnel or government employees may not make purchases in Jewish owned stores.

When a Jew dies, his property is transferred to a government authority. His family must then pay rent for the continued use of his home or business property.

Only doctors and pharmacists are still working with some degree of freedom, other professionals are largely without work, and Jews working for Moslems have generally been dismissed. Vendors have had their licenses revoked with the result that the majority have been reduced to abject poverty.

If a Jew flees the country all his assets are automatically confiscated.

Jewish schools have been taken over by the state, and Moslem principals have been appointed for them. Very few Jews have during the past few years been permitted to go to university.

The Jewish cemetery has been almost entirely destroyed and a highway has been built through it. Permission to obtain ground for a new cemetery has been turned down, so that old graves have had to be opened to admit additional bodies.

Committees of Concern exist in the United States and also France (under the leadership of Sen. Alain Poher). I think we need such a Committee in Canada.

16th triennial assembly in Montreal reveals "Jewish Congress 'Keinora', is very much alive, thank you"

by J.B. Salsberg

Having attended the 16th triennial convention of Congress in Montreal I hasten to report to all friends of Congress, and to all its opponents as well, who are undoubtedly waiting breathlessly for my appraisal.

To the friends of Congress I am happy to report that the assembly revealed very convincingly that Congress is, as Bathurst St. would say, "keinora" very much alive, very much desired, very much looked-up to and very much engaged in planning for a long future.

To the opponents of Congress I wish to say that they should save their sympathy cards because Congress shows no signs of departing. Indeed, Congress doesn't even know that it "isn't a potent force in the community today." Congress puts it in a nutshell when it says: "Zeit mir noch nisht gezunt, ich for noch nisht avek," which, in a free translation from the Yiddish, means: "Don't rush with your farewell flowers, I'm not leaving yet."

An awful lot of people at the plenary session, and that includes "Mr. Congress" himself (Mr. Saul Hayes), maintained that what Congress needs mainly now is adequate financing to do what Canadian Jews demand and expect of it. Too simple a conclusion? Perhaps, but in a realistic sense, there is a lot of validity to the suggestion.

The point is that the 16th assembly of Congress demonstrated to all who do not close their eyes to the facts of life that Congress retains an unquestionable relevance to the far-flung Jewish community in this country.

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Was it then a super-type convention? No, but it was unique and meaningful in many ways, especially in so far as it provided an opportunity to assess the prevailing attitudes towards Congress itself.

As to negative features there were, of course, plenty of them. The so-called formal sessions were too numerous and too formal. Guest speakers were too plentiful and not sufficiently balanced. My pet topic - how to win our youth and intellectuals - was not in the center of the deliberations as I hoped for, though this challenge did intrude itself in various ways in all general discussions.

The troublesome question of Congress vs. Welfare Funds was kept off the agenda by both sides, although the differences on this issue influenced, indirectly, many decisions and leadership selections. My own estimate is that if this question had been put to the delegates it would have resulted in an overwhelming vote for the priority of Congress.

On the other hand there was an abundance of encouraging and heartwarming evidence of concern, dedication and determination.

The number of delegates, alternates and official guests was among the highest in the history of Congress. All formal sessions were attended by capacity audiences. The banquet, luncheons and other affairs were taxed to the limit and people were turned away. The work sessions, seminars and committee meetings were all attended by larger numbers than were expected or prepared for.

The grass roots participation was lively, critical and demanding. Resolutions were scrutinized, debated, and amended by a serious and dedicated "rank and file." As one officer said to me later: "You couldn't chase them home. There had to be an additional session, after the final luncheon, in order to deal with resolutions."

All this speaks volumes for the seriousness with which the representatives of the communities approach Congress and the importance they place on its decisions.

There was another manifestation at the assembly which clearly illustrated what supreme authority the people vest in Congress and what the constituent bodies of Congress expect from, what they accept to be, the highest authority in Canadian Jewish life.

I refer to the multitude of requests, demands, instructions, authorizations etc. etc. which were approved in formal resolution and by way of direct motions adopted in the workshop sessions. Delegations appeared before the resolution committee (which labored incessantly) to argue for their specific resolutions as if the future of their field of activity depended upon the adoption or rejection of their resolutions.

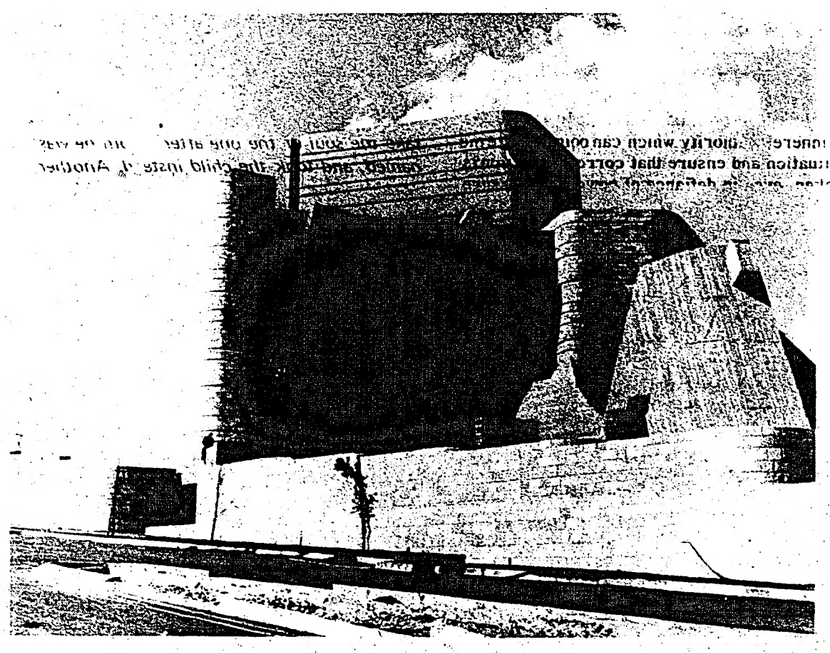
One got the feeling that the rank-and-file representatives as much as asked: If not Congress, then who will provide the leadership and the wherewithall for the development of what they consider to be urgently needed? And these extended from requests for text books, the schooling of teachers, the extension and co-ordination of student activities and work among youth generally, to the campaign for Soviet Jews, the defence of Syrian Jews, aid to Israel, improvement of our community relations activities, etc. etc.

I believe that the chief executive officer of Congress, Saul Hayes, had these facts in mind when he said that if the majority of Canadian Jews, "come to the conclusion that a truncated Congress suits their purpose better than a virile, full-blooded representative body, it will be the people's choice though a sad day for Canadian Jewry and Canada itself." I agree fully.

On the basis of what I saw and heard at the plenary session of Congress I concluded that the will of the people is unmistakably clear: to continue Congress' priority in Jewish life. I also concluded that the newly elected chief officers of Congress, nationally and regionally, will not betray this will of the people.

As for Sol Kanee, who was the unanimous choice of the convention for the highest office that Canadian Jewry has to offer, the presidency of the Canadian Jewish Congress, he is too wise and too human to want to preside over the liquidation or even weakening of Congress.

So let's mix a glass half full of betachon (faith, trust, etc.) and half of shofar brand aquavita, mix well and say: Lechaim to Congress and to the good old reliable grass roots!



Jerusalem's new Sherover theater, incorporates a bold design typical of Israel's contemporary architecture.

Heed call for recognition by Jerusalem of Conservative and Reform rabbis

(Jewish Chronicle Feature Service)

The call by the President of the United Synagogue of America for Israeli governmental recognition of Conservative and Reform rabbis in Israel, should not, in all justice, go unheeded. It might, indeed, be not only unwise, but also dangerous to ignore it. The head of the organization of more than 800 Conservative synagogues said that they could not "continue to tolerate non-recognition, nor permit our rabbis to be humiliated and forbidden to act as spiritual leaders". The note of exasperation is clearly there and is not hard to understand. It would be well to take note of the danger signals and think through their implications.

Though there are many, both in Israel and in the Diaspora, who have strong feelings about the Orthodox monopoly of religious activity in Israel, there is an understandable reluctance to rock the boat while Israel passes through stormy seas. Why start a Kulturkampf now, of all times, they ask.

One must respect the feelings of the Orthodox and recognise the internal logic of their position. No Jew of good will seeks strife or dissension. But there is a time in the history of a people when the pressure of changing social and intellectual patterns can only be ignored at the price of a later explosion, which is surely not wanted by anyone.

The simple fact is that the non-Orthodox section of religious Jewry is now by far the largest in the world. To pretend that it doesn't exist and has no validity, that its spiritual leaders have no authority, is to refuse to face reality. Non-Orthodox Judaism is no longer what it was several generations ago, when the Orthodox notion of it first set. The Conservative and Reform movements are now profoundly Zionist and make serious contributions to Jewish learning. This vast - and preponderant - mass of world Jewry cannot, in all conscience, be assigned tenth-class Jewishness or, perhaps more accurately, invisibility.

Furthermore, the fears of a Kulturkampf are grossly exaggerated. It would probably be best to seek the confrontation just when Israel does have other things on its mind and when the question can be weighed with some sense of proportion. It is altogether to be deplored that the need for the support of the religious parties for Cabinet-building purposes in Israel has fogged and delayed the solution of this problem. The failure to separate religion and State in Israel has been bad for both sides: it has forced the State to meddle in religious affairs which are none of its concern and it has compromised the integrity of the religious establishment through its involvement in the unedifying game of politics. Sooner or later - and in the best interest of all it should be sooner - Israel should disestablish the Orthodox monopoly and recognize the full and equal authority of non-conformist Judaism, which is such an important and valuable support to her. There will follow some strain and considerable wringing of hands and cries of anguish, but reality will seep in and eventually illuminate the scene. And then religion in Israel - who knows, perhaps with the Orthodox in the lead - will begin to fulfil its proper role of critic and moral conscience of the State.

Groping for identity

"Know Thyself: Read Jewish Books"

by Rabbi Dr. Israel Frankel

This year's 29th annual observance of Jewish Book Month has as its theme "Know Thyself: Read Jewish Books". This theme, besides being most relevant to Jewish Book month was, prompted by the great concern among our people for "Jewish Survival", or rather the "Survival of Judaism". Never before have we been confronted with such desperate groping for "Jewish Identity". Our fathers never questioned "What, or Who is a Jew", nor did they ever worry about "The Vanishing Jew". Never in Jewish history was our people so spiritually wanting as is the present generation.

It is my deep conviction, therefore, that the source and roots of today's perilous position of our generation are, to a very great extent, to be found in the lack of knowledge of our heritage - a heritage almost four thousand years old. "It is one of the great tragedies of modern Judaism that it knows itself so little," writes Solomon Schechter, (Studies in Judaism, 1908, p. 156).

"Know Thyself" was the very Divine exhortation addressed to our people throughout Jewish history. Approximately 2750 years ago the prophet Isaiah urged Israel: "Look unto the rock whence ye were hewn...look unto Abraham your father," (Is.51, 1-2). The life and philosophy of our first Patriarch, as related in Genesis chapers 12-15 made Abraham the prototype of Judaism, indeed, what the Jew should strive to emulate. We have much to learn from the model of Abraham's life.

He was the pioneer of the monotheistic faith - the world redeeming truth of the One God of Justice and Mercy. Witness his benevolence in the reception of strangers, and his stand for justice, when pleading for the doomed cities. Such lessons are undoubtedly what the prophet Isaiah had in mind when he urged Israel to know itself.

With reference to the second half of the theme, "Read Jewish Books," I would suggest the replacement of the term "Read" by "Study". Only the study of the Jewish Legacy can inspire a sense of overwhelming pride in belonging to a nation with such rich spiritual treasurers. A nation which, unlike any other, can trace its ancestral lineage as far back as its very first Patriarch.

To know ourselves as reflected in the Bible, Midrash, Talmud, and the Jewish classics written through the centuries, one would have to learn and study diligently books of special content. Great Jewish books are inexhaustible and, must be re-read constantly. The representative works of our people throughout the generations show man the right way. They do not speak "of" people, they rather speak "to" people; they do not "describe man as he is" but rather "set before man what he ought to become", they do not "depict" but rather "demand," "summon," and "set goals for human life".

On this point, Isaac B. Singer, who is in the forefront of Yiddish literature, has this to say: "I do not believe that literature has a mission in the sense that it should show the way as people sometimes hope it will. Maybe the **nonfiction may do it**, but **never fiction**, because fiction is written after the fact, not before the fact," (Let us Reason Together," p. 105 ed. by Rabbi W. Berkowitz).

To those desirous to embark on the project "Know Thyself," may I humbly suggest that they begin with the study of the following: Pirke Avoth" with the Commentaries of Dr. J.H. Hertz, or R. Travers Herford; "This Is My God," by Herman Wouk; "The Great Jewish Books," edited by S. Caplan and Horld U. Ribalow; "Greak Ages and Ideas of the Jewish People," edited by Leo W. Schwartz; "The Jewish Religion," by Dr. Michael Friedlander and "A Short History of the Jewish People," by Cecil Roth.

It is only through the study of Jewish literary works that the Jew can learn to know himself.

Jewish institutions threatened by Quebec Bill: Congress

by Michael M. Solomon

Proposed legislation known as Bill 65, aimed at integration and bureaucratic control of Quebec's numerous health and social agencies, is now in the Standing Parliamentary Committee of the Quebec National Assembly.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, as the acknowledged spokesman of the Jewish community and the Allied Jewish Community Services as the social planning and coordinating body for its 20 communal agencies (health, social welfare and cultural) consider Bill 65 as posing a potential threat to the traditional Jewish character of Jewish health and welfare agencies.

If passed in its present form, the bill may do away with the traditional volunteerism which has been typical for Jewish charitable activities since the modest beginnings of the community. Private initiative will gradually disappear and the usual clientele of Jewish hospitals, clinics, homes for the aged, recreation camps, etc. will suffer the consequences.

In a detailed brief presented to the Parliamentary Committee of the National Assembly in Quebec City, the Congress and the AJCS have made a number of suggestions destined to safeguard the Jewish character of Jewish health and welfare agencies in the province of Quebec.

"The history of the Jewish community," states the brief, "demonstrates very clearly that the great and unified volunteer effort which is basic to our religious traditions and cultural heritage has been the moving force for the creation and provision of services in all fields to both Jewish and general communities. Bill 65 must make use of interested voluntary groups, and must not discourage or erode the individual citizen's concern for his fellow man.

"A non-sectarian approach which eliminates ethnic, religious and cultural distinctiveness is a threat to the concept of a pluralistic society. The Jewish community is very conscious of this factor, perhaps more so than other groups, because of the religious rules related to dietary laws, observance of the Sabbath and Holy Days. Custom and tradition play a significant role in Jewish family life and the delivery of services to our community takes these factors into account."

The brief insists on the impact of the individual's cultural heritage upon his well-being, because it has proven to be a source of strength throughout a long history and also due to the fact that culture and ethnicity play such an important role in the treatment of physical, emotional and social problems of Jewish people.

The Jewish community in England and France continue to carry on certain health and social services because the respective governments recognize the cultural difference existing between the Jewish and the general dimension in the treatment of the process.

The Springfield, Massachusetts community had to revert to its former Jewish family agency when people within the Jewish community were unable to use effectively the amalgamated family agency.

Because of this and similar unhappy experiences, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Allied Jewish Community Services asked that recognition be given to the need for voluntary as well as public institutions, since the government is unlikely to provide all the needed services in the health and welfare fields. The Montreal Jewish community declared that if the government's policy is to recognize and in some instances to subsidize profit-making institutions, the same concept should apply to non-profit community sponsored institutions.

National news

Looking ahead

Speak up for Soviet Jews

by Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg

Name the names, set up offices in every major capital - and let's tell the free world we won't rest until every Jew who has applied to leave Russia gets his exit visa.

That should be the next logical, positive, human and legal step on our agenda to save our Russian brothers - now, in our time, while they can be saved.

Ten years ago, when I first visited Russia and reported that if given a chance, the Jews would leave for Israel in their many thousands - and this, long before Russia broke relations with Israel - my reports were greeted with disbelief by people who should have known better and were, of course, openly discredited in the Communist Jewish press. "No Jewish problem in Russia" - that was the slogan.

And not only from Jewish Communists in Canada or the United States. (Those Jewish Communists were only doing the Kremlin's bidding any way.) Worse still were many Jewish leaders - headed by no less a personage than Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who then was president of almost every major international Jewish organization.

I recite all of this because he had enormous influence over the Jewish world and many disciples, especially in Canada. What did he tell me and what were some of his disciples saying? No basic Jewish problem in Russia that "time wouldn't heal." The very same things that the Jewish Communists were saying these Jewish leaders allowed themselves to repeat. Of course, their motivations were pure and were totally honest, and sincerely Jewish. But they were naive.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann

What was the theory behind this statement? Very simple: One day in the not too distant future, Dr. Goldmann believed, he would be able to "make an arrangement" on behalf of the World Jewish Congress. What arrangements? A Zionist solution? No, no the Jews didn't want to leave, he implied.

It never dawned on Dr. Goldmann however - nor, of course, on his disciples - that the Jews of Russia would soon become Zionists. More Zionist than he - more Zionist than all of us who call ourselves Zionists, even now.

As a result of the new activism of the Soviet Jews not only is it important to speak up but it's important to name the names of those who want to leave Russia. When I suggested this just a year ago, a number of Jewish leaders here in Toronto were annoyed because they felt that this would surely cause difficulty for the Jews of Russia - that it would get those Russian Jews into trouble with the authorities. The real truth is in the other direction: The more contact we have with individual Russian Jews, the more aware Russian authorities are that we know who wants to leave - that we have their names, their addresses - paradoxically the more "protected" they become.

Clearly, a new Kremlin policy has now emerged: The Jew who fearlessly speaks out and says, "I'm not a Russian, I want to go to Israel" - even if he must go to jail to achieve this kind of "protection". He will get to Israel even from jail, if we help him. We now have amassed large and growing lists of names of individual Jews who have spoken up with this very idea in mind: That Jews in the free world will utilize their names and publicly proclaim their desire as individuals to leave for Israel. They are not afraid; they won't stop speaking. Why should we hold our peace?

A.L. Pincus

Hold the line, Pincus urges welfare leaders in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (JTA) -

Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, urged American Jewry to "hold the line" to prevent economic conditions in Israel "from getting worse."

Pincus delivered the Herbert J. Abeles Lecture at the 40th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds attended by 1,500 delegates representing the Jewish community leadership of the United States and Canada.

Pincus discussed in detail the many economic problems facing Israel which, he warned, could affect the continuity of immigration. At one point he said the problems could well create a demand for a halt in immigration. However, Pincus observed, in partnership with American Jewry, Israel can and will assure that every new settler will be welcomed, especially Soviet Jews who will have "an unending welcome." He said that 50,000 new immigrants will have to be integrated into Israel this year.

He attributed Israel's economic problems to the heavy burden of defense which imposes a heavy tax burden on Israelis. "Our balance of payments is in terrible shape," he said. He noted that there are 250,000 Jews in Israel who live on a bare poverty basis. He said the Jewish Agency must secure $625 million to provide for the mounting social and humanitarian needs.

On the positive side, Pincus noted Israel's "economic excellence," the elimination of unemployment, growing tourism and an increasing gross national product. There is nevertheless a massive gap, he said, "and we cannot postpone massive action to deal with the tensions." He called the housing situation the most serious. But "by holding the line, American Jewry can and must assist in solving these problems," he said.

CJFWF leaders said North American Jewry must raise a minimum of $550 million in 1972 to provide for all local, national and overseas Jewish needs. A special committee was established to carry out proposed guidelines for the support of Jewish day schools. Increased support for day schools through the federations was anticipated in the coming year.

Resolutions adopted by the CJFWF called for increased U.S. aid to Israel and urged the sale of more planes to Israel to maintain the military balance. The CJFWF called on the Arab governments to "end the persecution of Jews, restore their basic rights and permit their free emigration." A similar resolution was adopted calling for religious, cultural and emigration rights for Soviet Jews.

At an earlier session, the CJFWF Assembly passed a resolution on Jewish identity which will provide more than $1.35 million for new programs. Climaxing two years of study and work of the CJFWF Task Force on Jewish Identity, the resolution called for the establishment of a program set up as an instrument for creating innovative experiments and projects which develop the quality of Jewish life in each community. The program will be directed by the 40-member Board of Trustees.

A youth caucus composed of 150 students and young adults from around the country, a number of whom are official delegates to the assembly, supported the Task Force proposals as the minimum necessary for such a program, but urged that young people be given a greater role in the decision-making process affecting implementation of the proposals. The youth caucus also called for more adequate funding and greater assurances that local federations will continue to provide increasing support for local identity projects.

The caucus expressed hope that individuals and foundations would help fund the program. Other resolutions passed at the assembly included one to recruit young men and women of exceptional ability and Jewish commitment for professional leadership and careers in Jewish federations. Another resolution passed called upon the Voice of America to broadcast in Yiddish to the Soviet Union.

Max M. Fisher, president of the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, told a press conference here that he had unhesitating confidence in President Nixon's interest in Israel. "The President has the interest of Israel at heart, and his position in favor of grants-in-aid and assistance to assure that nation's security is unquestioned."

Discussing the administration's policy toward Israel, Fisher said that military aid is coming forth on a regular, orderly and uninterrupted basis and has not been curtailed. Although he did not specify when new shipments of Phantom jets would be made, Fisher expressed conviction that they would come in time. He said that he could not quote President Richard Nixon directly and that there were matters involving the administration that could be summarized as his own conviction of a most sincere effort to prevent untoward incidents in the Middle East.

From the facts he has gathered, Fisher said he believes the administration is convinced that Russia does not want a war in the Mideast and that the chances are good for the continuation of the cease-fire in spite of frequent threats by Egyptian President Sadat of a Dec. 31 deadline. Fisher confirmed that he was now active with a small group of national Republican leaders in planning the campaign for the re-election of President Nixon.

Vigilante group active in Kashrut controversy

by Melvin Fenson

WINNIPEG -

Winnipeg Jewry has recently undergone a series of shocks that hit the body politic right, as the expression goes, in the guts.

After 52 years of continuous service, the Chicago Kosher Sausage Manufacturing Ltd. was the subject of a brief statement by the local Kashrut advisory board (Va'ad Ha'Ir) in which the community learned that Kashrut supervision had been discontinued, and that the firm's products would no longer be Kosher.

A subsequent week's announcement, this time by the company itself, explained that since it had a large investment in printed casings bearing the word "Kosher," these casings would be used till exhausted, but that the public was cautioned that the products were no longer Kosher.

That same week, another profound blow was dealt the Kosher catering community with the news that one of the veteran Kosher caterers, Menorah Catering, was closing down...for renovation. At the same time, due to the somewhat delicate nature of the announcements from the Va'ad Ha'ir, a vigilante committee identifying itself with the local Lubavitcher Synagogue, has publicized more direct statements in the local weekly press warning the public in strong language to avoid products produced without Va'ad Ha'ir supervision.

The Kashrut administration committee chairman Nathan Lockshin undertook to inform the Anglo-Jewish press of Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal about the unacceptable practice of the Winnipeg sausage plant in using labels bearing the word "Kosher" after Kosher supervision was discontinued. His committee held him up on inserting similar strongly similar strongly worded notices in the Winnipeg papers!

Apparently the company's defence is that the word "Kosher" is part of its corporate name...but the unwary purchaser, who may have missed a copy of a local Jewish weekly, is in the dark about these arrangements while large grocery chains continue to sell the firm's famous Blue Label salami which is now "treif".

It is understood that current federal consumer protection legislation is being considered with a view to invoking it to attack alleged misrepresentation in advertising by purveying these products as Kosher. Of course the existence of such federal legislation has not to date deterred Shopsy's in Toronto or Dunn's in Montreal from using a Mogen David on tbeir casings, enclosing a non-Kosher product.

Lockshin is using a parallel tack in attempting to win Canadian Jewish Congress religious affairs committee support for provincial Kashrut legislation (similar to New York state and Florida legislation) requiring users of the word "Kosher" to comply with statutory requirements on penalty of fine, and barring the use of such mongrelizations as "kosher-style."

From the Winnipeg vantage point, it appears that if Ontario and Quebec Jewry have not been moved to protect Kashrut by such means, and tolerantly permit the misuse of a Mogen David on non-Kosher products, Manitoba will not likely succeed in its mission.

Free university to open in Montreal

MONTREAL -

Beginning November 14, the newly constituted Jewish Free University will open its doors in Montreal on the McGill and Sir George Williams universities and the premises of the Allied Jewish Community Services.

According to the group of young enthusiasts sponsoring the project, the Jewish Free University "is not a replacement of but rather a complement to the various Jewish studies programmes now existing at Montreal CEGEPs and Universities, and is free, because of its informal structure and the ability of the participants to determine the content and orientation of the various courses."

Among the more than thirty courses announced - a more complete list will be published at a later date - students can choose between the American Jewish Novel, The history of the "Bund", German Judaism and the third Reich, Current Aspects of the Middle East Conflict, Zionism and Topics in the history of Anti-Semitism, The Talmud, Jewish education, Jewish film workshop and the Art of Jewish Cooking.

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International news

Latent anti-Semitism increases in Western Europe

NEW YORK (JCNS) –

America's anti-Semites, who have been on a lean diet in recent years, are taking new hope that America's policy towards China, and particularly President Nixon's forthcoming trip to Peking, will bring them out of political isolation.

According to them, all that has been happening vis-a-vis Red China is a "Jewish plot" engineered by the president's adviser on security affairs, Dr. Henry Kissinger, who is labelled in the anti-Semitic press as "Kissinger, the Zionist Jew," Richard Yaffe, the JCNS correspondent in New York, writes.

An analysis of domestic implications of America's new China policy has appeared in **Currents**, a new quarterly publication of the American-Jewish Committee introduced at the national executive council's annual meeting in Boston.

The committee was told by **Dr. William Haber**, professor of economics at Michigan University, that the troubles of Jews in Western Europe would increase in this decade unless there was a settlement of the Middle East conflict. He based his gloomy view on the "growing campaigns of anti-Zionism, anti-imperialism and anti-capitalism, feeding on anti-Americanism."

The committee was also told that more Christian leaders were opposed to the internationalization of Jerusalem and want Israel to retain the united city under its jurisdiction.

Writing on America's new policy towards China, the editor of **Currents, Milton Ellerin**, who also directs the AJC's trends analysis division, said that it had given the hatemongers an opportunity to align themselves with conservatives, in the hope that it will provide them with the means to come out of their political isolation.

The conservatives are displeased with what they regard as America's failure to head off West Germany's rapprochement with the Soviet Union; her lack of response to the spreading of Soviet power in the Mediterranean; and the failure to maintain America's military position. On the domestic scene, the conservatives also "abhor President Nixon's welfare plans, his actions on civil rights, his 'excessive' spending and his 'softness' towards international Communism."

Dr. Haber in his talk also gave warning that in Western European countries "latent anti-Semitism remains widespread and will doubtless respond to active agents."

One factor which made this likely, he said, was the response to the New Left's anti-Israel and anti-Zionist arguments from people "who cannot or will not distinguish between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, between the State of Israel and Jewry . . . . or between disagreements with views and sentiments and hostility towards those who hold them."

While he predicted that there would be no world or major war in the 1970's, Dr. Haber hedged this by saying that the danger of a major war lies "where the interests and intentions of major powers are ambiguous, and that one will act in the mistaken appreciation that another will not, or that one or another can limit intervention short of full-scale war."

He cited the Middle East as one such area. There, the Soviet Union, believing that America was too busy with her troubles in Vietnam and at home and would "withdraw into defensive positions and attitudes," might be tempted to "substantial military participation" in the Middle East.

Also, China, by political manipulations and military supplies to extremist groups, might "seize the opportunity to frustrate possible agreement in the Middle East and try to manoeuvre Russia and the U.S. into war."

Dr. Haber's advice to the American-Jewish community was to try to "keep Washington firm and Israel flexible; persuade Israel that it must take some risks; and the U.S. that it must make some commitments."

Siberian camp victim describes harrowing personal experience in recent book

"Magadan" by Michael Solomon
Chateau Books Limited, Montreal $7.95

book review

by Jonathan V. Plaut

Caught in one of the vast and inhuman Siberian prison camps where many intelligent, vital and forsaken human beings of the Soviet Union are condemned to live their lives under the rule of terrorizing thugs, the author Michael Solomon, has lived to tell the story of his treatment and of his experiences in **Magadan.**

Michael Solomon, a Romanian journalist, was arrested by the Communists on his return to Romania in 1946 after having served with the British in the Middle East and Africa during the Second World War. Against advice from his friends not to return to Romania, the author returned to the land he loved and left reluctantly at the beginning of the War, only to find himself, "On that fateful morning of Feb. 7, 1948," captured, imprisoned, and sent to a forced labor camp in Russia. Nine years later he was returned to the Romanians only to, "discover that Romanian jails and Romanian jailers were even worse than those I had endured in Siberia."

Michael Solomon relates a moving story which commences with his arrest on Feb. 7, 1948 on trumped up charges and tells of his human suffering and of human viciousness perpetrated upon men. The author's thoughts, feelings, fears, and hopes are so movingly expressed and it is nearly a miracle that he survived the beatings, kickings and mental tortures. Besides the author's personal trials during this period, Michael Solomon conveys some moving stories of individuals he encountered during the long seven years of confinement.

There is a moving story of a Camilla Horn, the humiliation of a proud and courageous widow of the composer Serges Prokofiev and his contacts with a prison doctor. Amid all the tragedy, Michael Solomon is still able at times to smile at human behaviour and to reflect on his miserable condition.

Michael Solomon's desire to survive his miserable condition never faltered even in the depths of the Kolyma mine. Truth is often difficult to believe, yet there are many who have survived similar experiences and can testify to the authenticity of his account.

A prison doctor told him: "You're just one of the million victims who have been forced to work here. Try to see everything and then hope to live and tell people outside who seem so hard to convince. Tell them what you have seen and gone through all these years. If you can make them believe you, it will be the greatest service you can perform for the millions of us who will never get out of here."

We will only do justice to the prison doctor and to all those whose story will never be heard or read by pondering, carefully Michael Solomon's gripping tale.

Jonathan V. Plaut is rabbi of Temple Beth El, Windsor.

Expects seige of propaganda in UN debate

Yitchak Raphael, a member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, predicts the expected Middle East debate in the General Assembly later this month will be a "propaganda seige" by the Arab countries and their supporters.

"There is nothing to hope for in the debate from the Israeli point of view," he told the CJN in an interview last week. "But we are used to it."

Raphael, who is a National Religious Party-Mizrachi member of the Knesset, was in Toronto to speak at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

On this issue of Jerusalem, he said Israel cannot accept any official UN investigation in the city because according to a Knesset decision, Jerusalem is part of Israel and therefore an internal problem. "Jerusalem is a free city and anyone can come and look."

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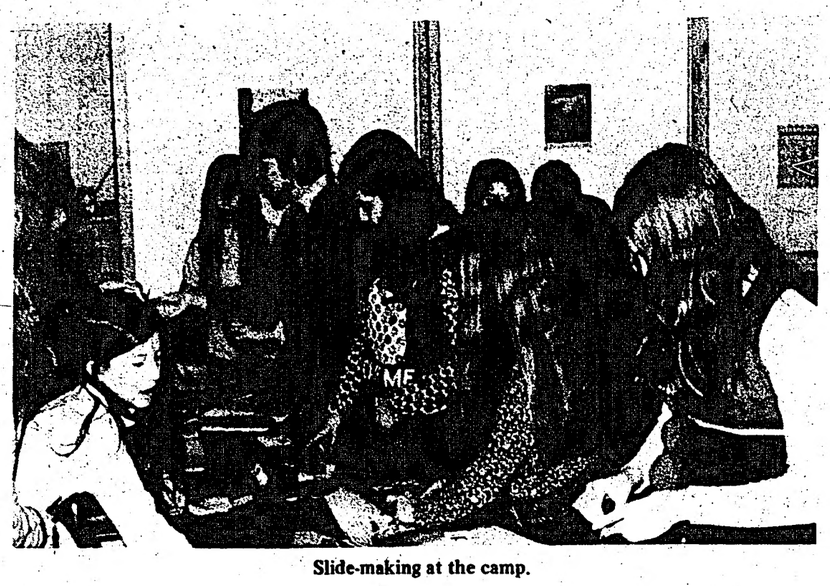


Slide-making at the camp.

by Judy Platt

The seventh-grade student was pleasantly surprised. "I really didn't expect the weekend to be so good. For the first time I liked services," he wrote when he returned from Bolton Outdoor Education Centre, which he had attended with the Religious School of Holy Blossom Temple.

Even Heinz Warschauer, director of education at the Temple, who is known affectionately as "the skeptic" among Jewish educators, had to agree that this was the kind of outcome they were looking for when the program of "long weekends" was instituted this year.

"We want the kids to be exposed to the main elements of Shabbat; it's something they don't get at home," Mr. Warschauer said. "Judaism restricted to the classroom in an essentially non-Jewish environment is a very doubtful thing. Shabbat is one of the key things - with its services, songs, ritual, discussions of things Jewish, art expression - with which we can break through to kids. Not every youngster goes in for the intellectual pursuits of the classroom, but at camp there are other ways to get involved and be part of the community.

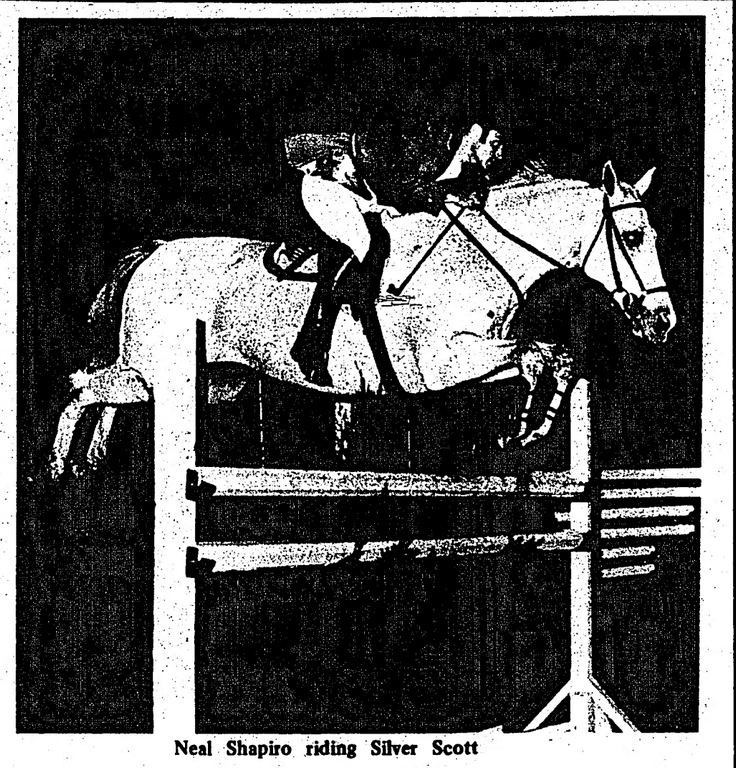
"Religious school has very negative connotations to kids who'd much rather be out playing in the real world," Mr. Warschauer readily admits. "That's why we need informal education - clubs, youth groups, camps. Why should religious school always be a "horror house" to youngsters; let them feel that the should religious school always be a 'horror house' to youngsters; let them feel that the same place which 'makes them learn Hebrew' also wants them to have a good time!"

Mr. Warschauer doesn't have any illusions that the school can substitute for society. "Where do the kids see anything Jewish all week?" he queries rhetorically. "Youngsters are very sensitive to peer-group pressure. The Jewish kids they meet in public school are only going to religious school until 'pay-off day' at 13. And they don't meet youngsters from the more Jewish-concerned homes - they're now in day schools. Even the Christian children aren't Sunday School-oriented any more. What's more, our kids are often exposed to negative attitudes - towards Israel, for example - from the public school teachers. In one school, not so far from Temple, the kids were actually criticized for participating in Soviet Jewry demonstrations."

Yet "Heinz" (as even the kids refer to him) must be doing something right. For example, this year almost 50 post-confirmation high school youth are enrolled in the school's student teacher program, which apart from supplying young enthusiastic staff (40% of the entire staff are graduates of the three-year training sequence) to the 1,000 student school, also results in the teenagers "relearning their learning - and at a more mature level of understanding."

Mr. Warschauer particularly enjoys his role as counselor to the youth. A leader in the pre-war Jewish youth movement in his native Germany, he has the background to empathize with them. He feels that "German Jewish youth before Hitler were not so different from today's youth. Their sex morals were similar, although not based on Playboy but on 'honesty between the sexes'". Politically, the majority of active young Jews were radicals and the liberal middle-wing was contracting. The generation gap was no more, no less. We were very critical of the social system, though we didn't speak about the 'establishment' but the 'bourgeoisie.' The youth movement itself was a protest against the 'bourgeois' pattern. A great interest in folk music, no ties, visible, identifiable clothes - we were consciously unfashionable "And," he added with a sigh, "like today only a small minority of Jewish youth were really active in Jewish things."

A quotation chalked on a board opposite Mr. Warschauer's office reads "Radical ideas which oppose institutions eventually become institutions which oppose radical ideas." But, despite 28 years at Holy Blossom, Heinz Warschauer seems to be a radical idea which keeps on gaining new momentum. Besides his innovative approach, perhaps the best tribute to his youthful spirit is what another student-camper wrote after the weekend: "The schmoozes with Heinz were great (super fantastic). I'd love to come back. Signed anonymous."



Neal Shapiro riding Silver Scott

US. equestrian rides for fun, sells juke boxes for money

by Linda Shapiro

Neal Shapiro is 26 years old, born in Brooklyn, a cancer-leo cusp, married, no children and lives on Long Island. He was always interested in horses and started to ride as soon as he could sit. When his parents moved from Brooklyn to Long Island and bought their own horses, his sometimes-hobby became a full-time hobby. At the present time, he is a very valuable member of the U.S. Equestrian Team, as well as a horse trainer and a harness racing driver.

Does he ever go to the races for enjoyment? Does he ever bet? "I rarely go to the races, but when I do, I usually go with about nine guys, we put in a dollar a piece (just to keep us interested . . . we never bet to win, only to place or show) and if we make 90 cents, we're happy!"

Neil is considered to be in the amateur classification because he doesn't make "his living" from horses. In fact, he's in business with his father - the vending machine business - and he knows all about cigarette machines, pin ball machines, juke boxes and probably cash registers, too! Would he ever give up the business and become a professional horsey-setter? "Never! Because if I did that, then riding would become a job and I couldn't enjoy it as much as I do now . . . and besides, I really couldn't make as much money!" Smart Jewish boy!

How do his parents feel about his riding, jumping and maybe getting hurt? "My mother gets so nervous when I show, that she doesn't come to the horse shows any more, but my wife always accompanies me on the circuit, whether it's in North America or Europe." Smart Jewish wife! And as a matter of fact, he met his wife, a capricorn, at a horse show in New York. Single Jewish girls take note! They live on Long Island in a two acre, eight stable home, and when his wife isn't "shopping, buying food or cooking for me," she's riding their horses.

Of all the cities in the fall indoor circuit, he likes Toronto the best: "It's clean, the people are friendly and I'm not afraid of getting mugged every time I walk down the street . . . a lot different than New York or Washington!"

As far as keeping in shape is concerned, he isn't one of those "keep-fit nuts who gets up at 5 a.m. to jog around the block in a blizzard!" The only exercise he really gets is from riding and he feels that it is enough to keep him in good shape, which by the way, he is. And as far as diet is concerned, he thinks that those health food nuts are just that - "nuts"! "If you want to live, you've got to eat. I eat everything they put in front of me." He doesn't smoke and doesn't drink. "Alcohol, ugh, tastes like medicine!!"

Who does he admire the most? His horsey idol is the world's leading harness driver Herve Filion because "Herve wins almost every time, no matter what, and I like that!"

And, of course, eventually the inevitable and obvious question arose, How does it feel to be the only Jew in a basically WASP establishment milieu? "We're all athletes and competitors and when you're out there, nobody really cares what or who you are. It's your personality and your ability that really count!" At the present time, his main concern is being chosen to be one of the 4 U.S. Equestrian Team members who will represent the United States at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany. "I'd just love to represent my country there!" Good luck, Neal!

If he were given the chance to start his "young" life over again, he smiled and then he added that he'd probably become a veterinarian or maybe an airline pilot. He has his pilot's license and flies as often as possible because he "just loves speed" and he's always loved animals!

So, just as I was leaving, I asked Neal Shapiro - businessman cum horseman - what he wanted to be when he really grew up. Well . . . "I'd like to be a rich squire, with a 'cosy' house, two or three kids, some maids, some butlers, an indoor riding ring, a private race track and a big white picket fence surrounding the whole place!"

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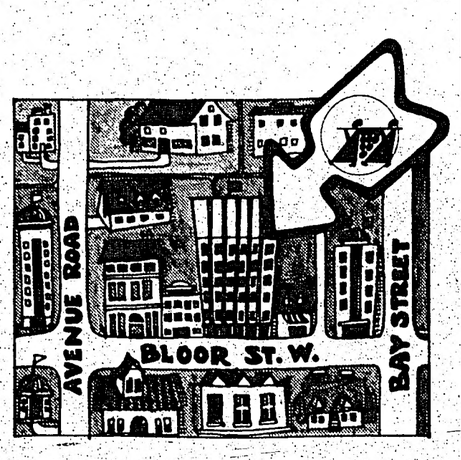

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Entertainment

Walking tour of three off the beaten track Toronto galleries

by Szmuel Polander

There are a number of excellent galleries located in areas that make them difficult to include in the usual Saturday afternoon walking tour of either Yorkville or Markham Streets.

Mazelow Galleries is located on Yonge St. out where the street car line once ended. On display until Dec. 11 are a series of Harold Town drawings evoked by his memories of afternoon movie matinees. The great stars of yesteryear, Gable, Valentino, Fields and many others are sharply, sometimes bitingly remembered.

Harold Haydon of The Chicago Sun Times has written: "Now more than ever, pictures give birth to pictures. A truly vast stockpile of visual images has accumulated since the beginnings of photography, multiplied manifold by the roaring presses of the mass media.

"Artists are digging into the helter skelter of tintypes, snapshots, movie stills and countless printed reproductions, seeking oddities."

Harold Town is another devotee of the photo image.

It is precisely because art tends to imitate art more frequently than life that pictures of Campbell soup cans have artistic validity. The great masters frequently imitated each other's works or attempted their own solution to similar aesthetic problems. Town, living in an age of pictures, has memories of afternoons at the theatre that are just as evocative as memories of afternoons picnicking in the woods.

Town's drawings are tightly controlled, restrained and offered in a variety of drawing styles. They are impressions rather than portraits of the individual stars. They are also slick, efficient, minimal and highly priced.

If one is caught up in the nostalgia of the movies, if stars are the people who have captured your heart and can still awaken strong emotion in you; if the afternoons you spent at the kid's matinee are the crucial artistic experiences of your youth, these sketches are for you, regardless of price.

The Merton Gallery, at 68 Merton, (two blocks south of Davisville, east of Yonge) is showing prints and paintings by June Drutz until Nov. 27.

Mrs. Drutz (she will probably hate me for mentioning it) is the wife of Danny Drutz, one of Toronto's senior social workers, long connected with New Mount Sinai Hospital. However June's art does not depend on being anyone's wife. She is a former instructor at the Ontario College of Art who has been working at her craft for a long time.

In 1961, when her children were in their teens, she went back to art college, won a scholarship and joined the faculty after graduation. She has been exhibiting since 1967.

The serigraphs and the water colors in the show were bright and attractive. There is a tendency to combine heavy tones with light designs and colors as well as to employ colors in a shocking and even outrageous way. However, her paintings in tempera were the most challenging and effective.

There were three rather sardonic paintings of children wearing vacuous expressions and frizzy-curly hairdoes. The children are frivolous, playing three record players simultaneously and residing in a jungle of plastics.

June claims that the most complete and successful statement in the show is a large painting in bright clashing colors suggesting high rise buildings, noise and space. Done in acrylic tempera it offers cruelly vicious shapes.

"The effect of the high rise is that our scenery is now buildings rather than landscape or sky. Space has acquired a new character," June suggested.

Not too well known as yet is the La Cimaise Gallery at 1052 Yonge Street, next door to Ramsden Park. From Nov. 27 through Dec. 10 they are showing the work of Claude Bonnierre. Full of chiaroscuro reminiscent of both Egyptian heiroglyphics and Balinese figures, Bonnierre's drawings are almost elaborate, symmetrical doodles.

This gallery also shows the work of a number of artists who are likely to leave lasting impressions, among them Malcolm Batty and Dennis Gedens. Gedens by the way is an exciting, powerful young painter who really packs a wallop. Watch for him.

Part of a Claude Bonniere drawing at La Cimaise Gallery.

Barry Wasman (left) as Guala (Goebbels), Ray Whelan as Arturo Ui (Hitler) in Arturo Ui.

20th century demagogues

by Jeniva Berger

By sheer coincidence, two current Toronto productions are offering their audiences a chance to observe the styles of two frightening 20th century demagogues.

Arturo Ui, Brecht's satire tells the story of Adolph Hitler's rise to power. At the same time it traces Al Capone's emergence as Chicago's prize racketeer during the '30's. It plays at Toronto Workshop Productions until Dec. 5th. The other, Theatre Passe Muraille's original rock-musical. **Charles Manson, a.k.a. Jesus Christ** dealing with the man who, with his mesmerized followers, brutally killed five people in a California suburb a couple of years ago.

Manson, in his way, displayed a charisma and manipulative skill similar to that of the German Feuhrer. Although **Arturo Ui** does not offer the audience the insight that Fabian Jennings provides in his play about Manson, both plays, nonetheless, present a unique opportunity to compare these two oblique characters. They also reveal the sociological weaknesses which furthered their dark ambitions.

The going is a bit rougher than you might expect in **Arturo Ui**. Brecht, who was certainly familiar with the political problems in Europe, was out of his element dealing with the tough-jawed, brain-locked Chicago racketeers. His use of cumbersome stereotypes to represent Goebbels and Goering and Rohm left him no alternative except flagrant cartooning in his portrayal of Capone. Though colorful, it is also highly repetitive. The product is filled with lengthy, political speeches which are boring, convoluted and dated. They are also completely out of context in the mouth of Capone and his boorish henchmen.

Director George Luscombe has given the overly long production as much life as possible by adding music and visuals. Like most of his plays there are several keen theatrical moments. However talented the cast (although Ray Whelan as Arturo was unintelligible) Brecht's immense effort seems to produce little. Brecht tries to say that a nation can be taken over by a dunce, and the dunces who work for him can often be crazier than their leader.

Charles Manson, in his own way in his small quasi-society, was not only as powerful and magnetic as the German Nazi leader, but displayed many of the same disturbing personal characteristics. Jennings has shown us through a series of flashback scenes the verbal skill of the little educated Manson in dealing with reporters, prison officials, and his own 'family' of young followers who idolized and elevated him to a Christ figure.

It is a pity that Jennings turned his well dramatized documentary into a rock-musical filled with loud and inexplicable songs rather than simply making it a drama with music.

Imaginatively directed by John Palmer, the audience in Jennings' play is seated on tall platforms surrounding what might be a bear pit of frenzied action. We are told by three narrators (Graham Teear, Sharon Watson, and Danny Freedman) most of the important events in Manson's life; we are shown the bizarre sexual happenings of the Family: the initiations, the rituals and the Black Mass at which Manson is hung symbolically on a cross.

Was Manson insane or a product of the times; a reflection of ourselves? Manson himself, brilliantly played by Peter Jobin, asks this question at the end. Though the question should jolt us, there is still an uncomfortable feeling that the counter-establishment may be passing the buck again, trying to gain a response from a dishonest conclusion.

Current and Choice

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magazines

by Arnold Ages

William Brannigan has a very instructive article about Israel's Communist parties in **The Nation** (Oct. 25), one of America's oldest liberal magazines.

After detailing the history of the movement through the Mandate days to the present, the author describes Moshe Sneh and Meir Wilner, the leaders of the two factions in the party.

"During a two-hour conversation with Sneh," writes Brannigan, "I forgot that we were meeting in a coffeehouse, and fell into the illusion that I was being treated to a lecture in political science by a distinguished but unpretentious professor, who punctuated his dissertation easily with names, places, dates and anecdotes involved in some of the major events of recent times."

The author records that Meir Wilner, who represents the pro-Russian wing of the party, has accused Sneh and his group of being mere window dressing for the Israeli government when it tries to curry favor with leftists outside of Israel.

Wilner is reportedly a fine orator when he gets going. For security reasons, however, (he has been the victim of frequent assaults) he has restricted his speaking activities.

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The ADL official said that "the voices of outraged indignation" at anti-Semitic manifestations come mainly from Jews themselves.

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U.S. halts flow of Phantom planes

isolation, and partly because of internal Israeli developments. U.S. contention is that to give a positive response to Israel's request now would mean the end of the Suez initiative and the reopening of hostilities by a cornered Sadat.

But with two-thirds of the Senate, and the majority of the House of Representatives, including all Democratic presidential hopefuls and Republican leaders, strongly in favor of resuming Phantom supplies to Israel, it is hard to imagine that the Administration can maintain a negative decision for too long.

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Chief Rabbi Levin dies in Moscow

it is estimated, and only two of them are in the European portion of the country - Rabbi Chaim Lubanov of Leningrad, who is 91, and Rabbi Israel Schwartzblatt of Odessa, who is in his late 50's. Rabbi Lubanov's concern for his congregants has gained him a reputation as "a saint," but he has become enfeebled and isolated from the Jewish community because of the congregants' fear of reprisals. Rabbi Schwartzblatt ousted G.I. Mizrachi as rabbi of Odessa for being, as one source put it, "too Jewish."

CHANGE IN DEADLINE

Due to a change in production schedules the display advertising deadline has been changed to Friday 12:30 p.m. of the week prior to publication. The classified advertising deadline has been changed to Monday 10 a.m. of the week of publication.

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Rabbi Marvin J. Goldfine, son of Ida Goldfine of Montreal, died recently in New York. A McGill University graduate, he was Hillel rabbi at Hunter and Barruch Colleges and chaplain at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre at the time of his death.

During the Second World War, he was a chaplain with the U.S. Army overseas. And later he was a JDS representative in Athens and an American Jewish Committee representative in Paris.

The late rabbi was grandson of the late Rabbi Meyer H. Levy of Toronto. He is survived by his wife Esther.

TORONTO OBITUARIES

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FALKSVIC, HARRY – On Nov. 15, late of 140 Bannockburn Ave.
FREAD, HANS – On Nov. 19, late of 2515 Bathurst St.
GOLDMAN, TILLIE – On Nov. 10, late of 26 Artreeva Drive.
GREENBERG, LIL – On Nov. 15, late of 7 Duggan Ave.
GROSSMAN, FAY – On Nov. 18, late of 205 Cummer Ave.
HANDELMAN, CARL – On Nov. 19, late of 360 Ridelle Ave.
LEWIS, MARY ANN – On Nov. 17, late of 12 Beaver Valley Road.
RIMAN, ANNA – On Nov. 15, late of Miami Beach, Fla.
ROSE, MOLLY – On Nov. 20, late of 230 Northcliffe Avenue.
SNITMAN, MAX – On Nov. 21, late of 99 Acton Ave.
TEPLITZKY, SAUL – On Nov. 16, late of 4383 Bathurst Street.
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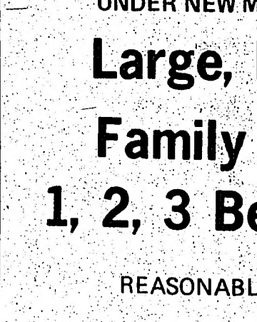
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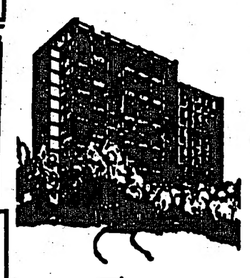
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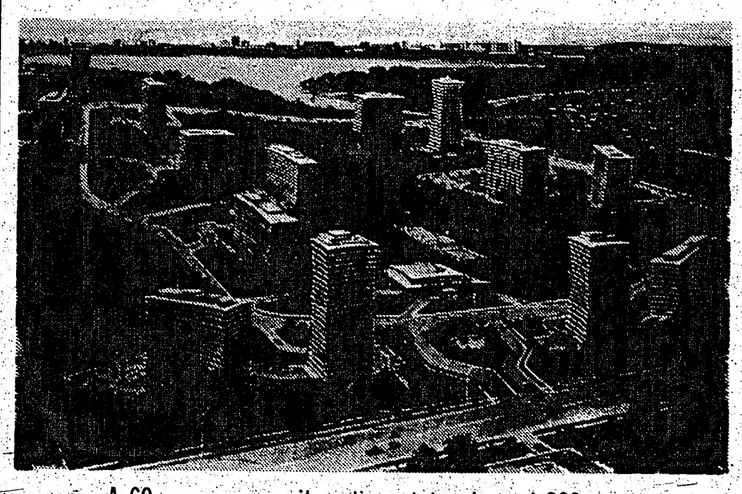
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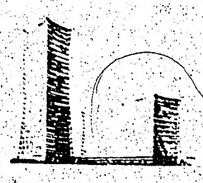
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Kanee is elected

would continue to support a united Jerusalem as "the central and focal point of Jewish life".

"Congress must make a stronger effort to develop Jewish culture through the medium of education - with the aim of stimulating the interests of young people," he said.

After lengthy debate, a number of resolutions were passed on the final day of convention. Among them were resolutions

- calling upon Syria to immediately restore full rights to the Syrian Jewish community "who are the innocent victims of flagrant discrimination and to repeal its anti-Jewish laws which are reminiscent of the infamous Nuremberg decrees."

- that Congress give consideration to the establishment of a permanent national memorial to the Holocaust.

- that the incoming national executive consider the advisability of convening a national conference of Jewish education within a year and that a national education committee be set up to deal with the advancement of Jewish education in Canada.

- that Congress "extends its its full support either directly or indirectly (for example in co-opperation with local Jewish Welfare funds, the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture and/or soliciting private patronage) to fostering and promoting Jewish scholarship in Canada and Jewish studies programs at Canadian universities.

A group of young persons demanded that Congress give up its role as co-ordinator of the struggle for Soviet Jewry, and join the Council on Soviet Jewry with the same status as all other organizations. Final resolutions did not reflect this request.

Another lively session was on whether Congress should expand its program to encompass social issues which were not specifically of Jewish concern. Some delegates felt individual members could adequately express their political concerns through organizations other than Congress while others considered the failure to attack issues as putting "a political straight jacket" on Congress.

After initial debate, "a broad consensus" gave the executive a mandate to protect and preserve Jewish needs.

Congress officers for the 1972-1975 period are: Sol Kanee, Winnipeg, president; Dr. Leon Kronitz, Montreal, chairman of the national executive; Judge Harold Lande, Montreal, national vice-president, Eastern Region; Sydney M. Harris, Toronto, national vice-president, Central Region; Abe Steinberg, Winnipeg, national vice-president, Western Region; Dr. Roy Waldman, Vancouver, national vice-president, Pacific Region; Professor Perry Meyer, Montreal, national treasurer; Sam J. Sable, Toronto, national secretary; Murray Spiegel, Montreal, chairman, Eastern Region; David Satok, Toronto, Chairman, Central Region; Oscar Antel, Winnipeg, chairman Western Region; Isador Wolfe, Vancouver, chairman Pacific Region; Monroe Abbey, Montreal, national honorary president; Lavy M. Becker, Montreal, preceding chairman of the national executive; Saul Hayes, Montreal, national exeuctive vice-president and Sigmund Unterberg, Montreal, national executive treasurer.

JEWISH OWNED ARGENTINE BANK CLOSES, REOPENS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

BUENOS AIRES, - The Jewish owned Commercial Bank of Buenos Aires, which closed two weeks ago in a financial scandal that rocked the Jewish community, has reopened under new management.

Julio Geller, the bank's new director, told the JTA that the bank now enjoys the confidence of the Argentine government's Central Bank. He expressed the hope that it will continue to receive the support of all Jewish bodies in Argentina and abroad. The Commercial Bank was taken over by the Liebermann and Geller families, prominent Argentine Jews, with the permission of the Central Bank. The former management left a record of financial mismanagement and a loss of some four million dollars, which led to the bank's collapse.

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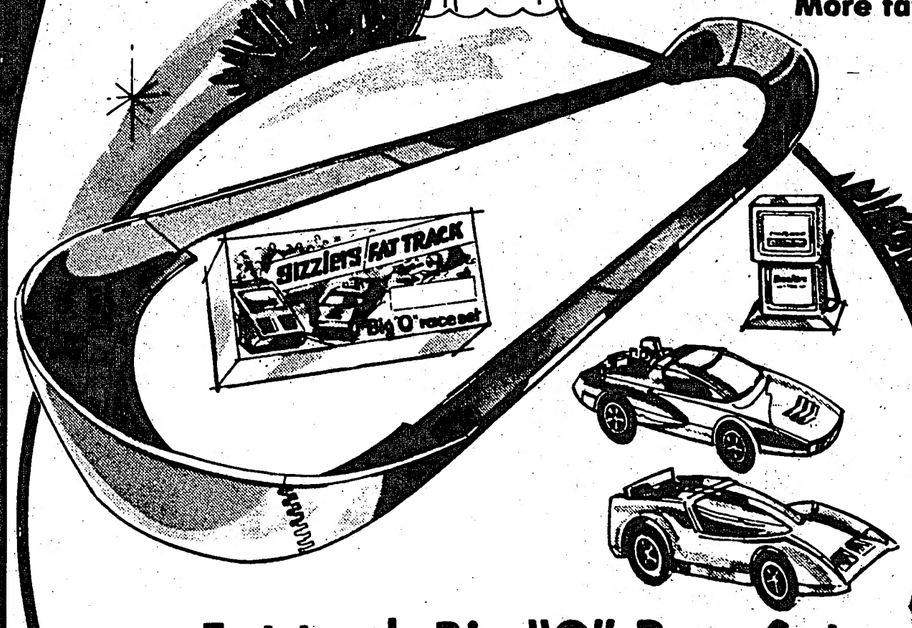

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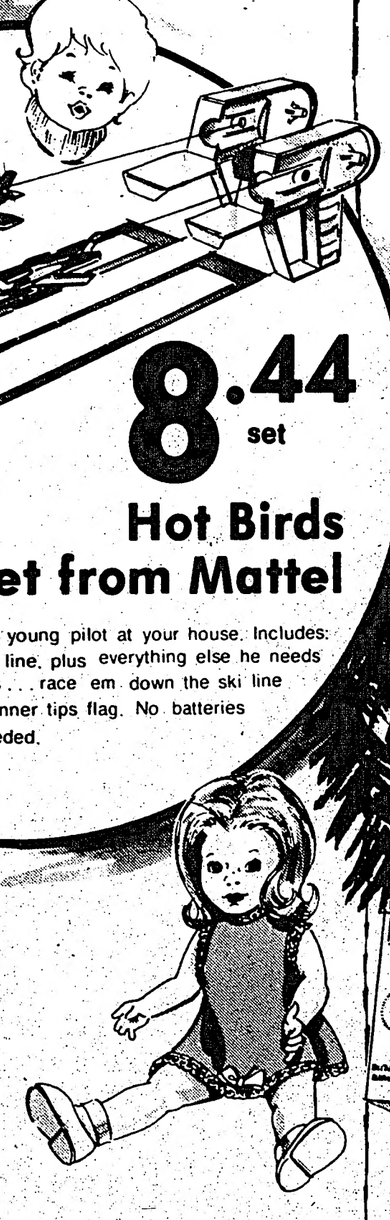

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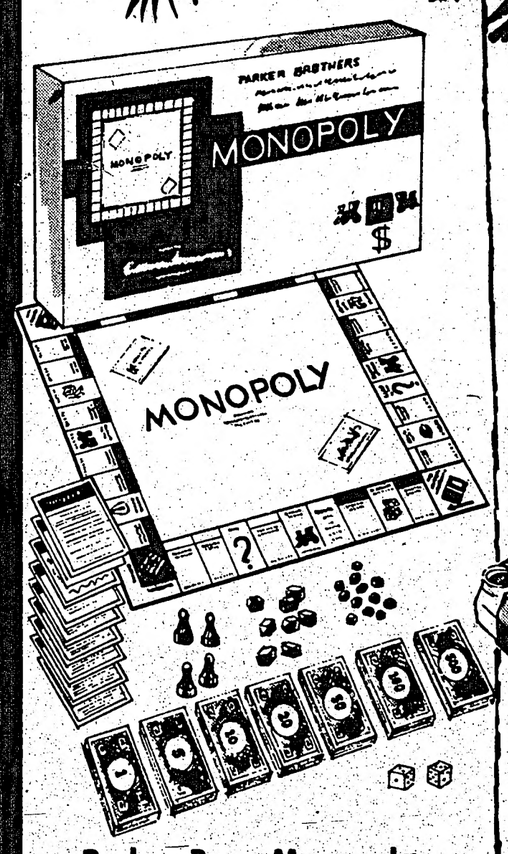

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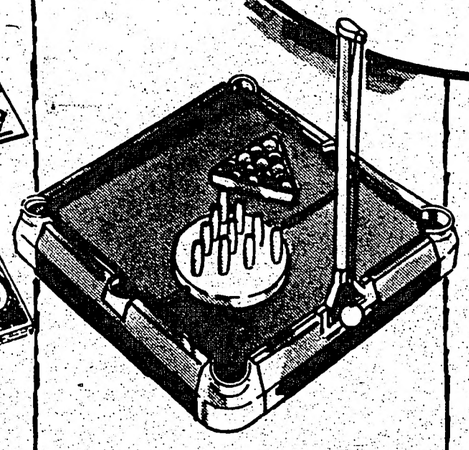

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Golda says no civil marriage

JERUSALEM - Premier Golda Meir has ruled out civil marriage for Israel on grounds that it would split the nation.

Her remarks at a press luncheon coincided with "Mamzer Day," proclaimed by an Israeli group demanding civil marriage. The day was so designated to call attention to a brother and sister deemed "mamzerim" (illegitimates) by the rabbinical authorities and denied marriage licenses on that ground.

Several hundred members of the Public Commitee for Civil Marriage in Israel demonstrated in front of the Knesset, led by Rabbi Voia Ben-Chorin, an Israeli-born Reform rabbi who described the demonstration as a "pray - in."

Mrs. Meir said the application of halacha should be "laced with mercy" and said she was supported in that attitude by "a renowned rabbinical authority."

She did not name the authority. She also said she was opposed to mixed marriages because usually the offspring are not raised as Jews.

KIDNAPPED BEIRUT COMMUNAL LEADER STILL MISSING

LONDON- Albert Elia, the 67 year old leader of the Beirut Jewish community reported kidnapped by Arab terrorists, is believed to be held in a terrorist camp in another Arab country, according to a traveller who has just arrived in London from Lebanon.

All attempts by the Beirut Jewish community, the Lebanese authorities and the International Red Cross to find where Mr. Elia is being detained and secure his release have been unsuccessful. The terrorist organizations deny knowledge of the abduction.

Many members of the Beirut Jewish community strongly believe that Mr. Elia their leader for 40 years, was taken out of the country as soon as he disappeared.

They are concerned for his health because he is suffering from heart trouble and requires medical treatment.

LONG TIME VAUDEVILLE PARTNERS PART

NEW YORK - Charles Marks, who as Charlie Dale was half of the famous vaudeville team of Smith & Dale, died in a Teaneck, N.J. nursing home Nov. 16 at the age of 90 years. Dale's long time partner, Joe Smith - originally Joseph Seltzer - is 89 and lives at the Actors Fund Home in Englewood, N.J.

The two comedians liked to recall how they met in a two man bicycle crash on Delancey Street on the Lower East Side in 1898 and how they got their stage names from promotional posters that had been printed up for a duo that subsequently changed its billing. Smith and Dale, who appeared in the first show at the Radio City Music Hall, 40 years ago, were best known for their "Dr. Kronkhite" routine.

FORMER FATAH MEN LIVING FREELY ON WEST BANK

JERUSALEM - About half the 100 El Fatah terrorists who surrendered to Israel in the summer are now living freely with their relatives on the West Bank. The relatives agreed to guarantee future good behaviour of the men.

Eventually all will probably be freed under the same contitions. Meanwhile, about 100 of the 75,000 Arab visitors who came here from Arab countries, on the family summer scheme are still living in Israeli controlled territory. Among them are a number of applications to stay which are under consideration. Others have personal problems which have prevented their immediate return.

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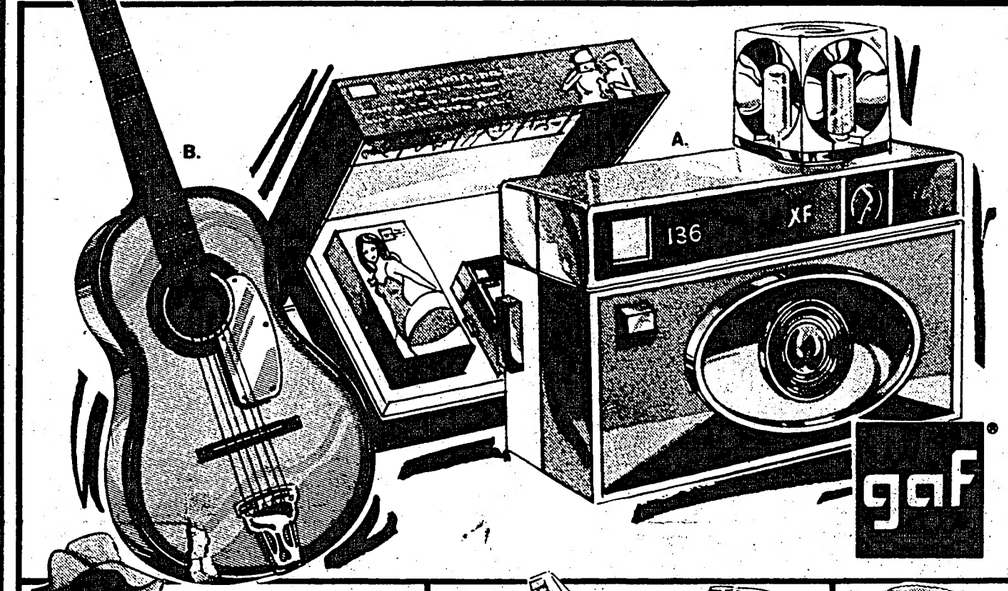

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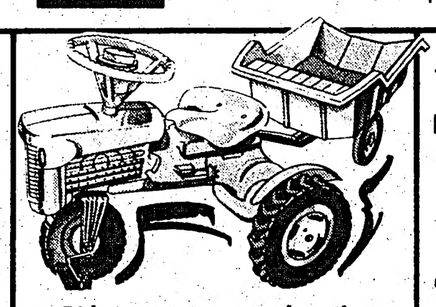

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Corning Ware 6 cup perc.
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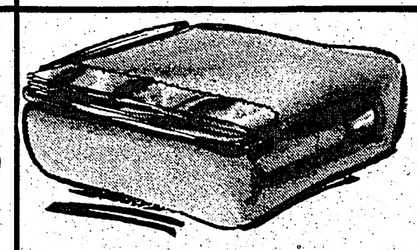

Viscose blend blankets
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Practical and pretty, in 72"x84" size to fit twin or double beds. Treated to resist shedding, with satin bound edges. Choice of 6 fashion colours.

Old Spice Gift set
4.67 each

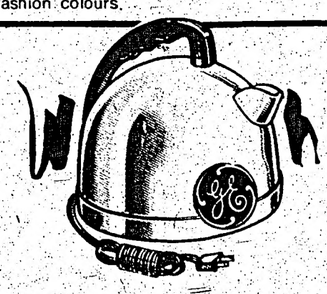
2 piece lime set with 5 oz. after shave and soap on a rope. In a handsome gift box.

Colourful 22" doll stroller
5.99 each

Easy to push for little girls. Gaily decorated with fringed canopy. Your little girl would love one of these.

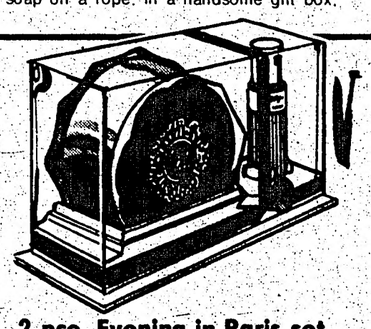
Skinny Dip refreshing cologne
1.77 each

A delightful cologne for her in 2 oz. spray mist or 4 oz. splash on. A nice gift.



C.G.E. Electric kettle
7.99 each

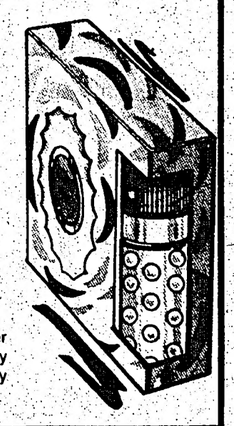
2 quart capacity. Shuts off automatically. Air space ring keeps underside cool. 3 ft. cord attached. Model K-43.



2 pce. Evening in Paris set
3.37 each

The alluring scent of Evening in Paris in 4 oz. bath powder, 1 oz. spray cologne. In a pretty box.

Desert Flower 2 pce. set
2.34 each



4 oz. dusting powder and 2 oz. spray cologne in a lovely gift pack.

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